# \*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\* CITY PLANNING COMMISSION J. MARTIN GRIESEL ROOM TWO CENTENNIAL PLAZA – SUITE 720 805 CENTRAL AVENUE

#### April 7, 2017 9:00 AM

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES** Consider the minutes of March 17, 2017. (page 3)

#### **CONSENT ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE**

ITEM 1	A report and recommendation for the lease of City-owned property located at 956
	Purcell Avenue in East Price Hill to Turner Farm Inc. (Urbanski) (page 9)

- A report and recommendation for the lease of City-owned property at 719 State Avenue in Lower Price Hill to BLOC Ministries. (Urbanski) (page 11)
- ITEM 3 A report and recommendation on the sale of a section of vacated right-of-way along Old Red Bank Road in Madisonville from the City to RBM Development, LLC. (Bihl) (page 17)
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#### **CONSENT ITEMS - QUASI-JUDICIAL**

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- ITEM 5 A report and recommendation on variances to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 809 Mann Place in Avondale. (Weaver/Hoffman) (page 21)
- ITEM 6 A report and recommendation on a Record Plat for Sanctuary Court Subdivision in East Walnut Hills. (Weaver/Hoffman) (page 26)

A report and recommendation on a proposed expansion of the Veracruz restaurant at 3106 Price Avenue, within Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 80, Incline District Investment Area in East Price Hill. (Urbanski) (page 30)

ITEM 8 A report and recommendation on variances to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 2610 Riverside Drive in the East End. (Weaver/Briggs) (page 41)

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE**

A report and recommendation on a change in zoning for property located at 3001 Woodburn Avenue, and 1521 and 1523 Gilpin Avenue in Evanston from RMX Residential Mixed District and CC-M Commercial Community Mixed District to expand the existing Planned Development #72 (PD-72) DeSales Flats III, a Major Amendment to the Concept Plan and Final Development Plan. (Briggs) (page 45)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Presentation by Chinese Planning Delegation

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **ADJOURN**

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

#### March 17, 2017

#### **Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Planning Commission was held this day at 9 A.M. in the J. Martin Griesel Room of Two Centennial Plaza with the following members present: Chair Daniel Driehaus, City Manager Harry Black, Dr. Rainer vom Hofe, Ms. Anne Sesler, Councilmember Amy Murray, and Mr. Byron Stallworth.

Also in attendance were Mr. Marion Haynes, legal counsel, and Department of City Planning staff: Mr. Charles C. Graves III, Ms. Stacey Hoffman, Mr. James Weaver, and Ms. Bonnie Holman.

Mr. Driehaus called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### The Commission approved the last prior meeting's minutes (March 3, 2017).

Ms. Murray made the motion, which Mr. Black seconded.

Aye: Mr. Black, Ms. Sesler, Mr. vom Hofe, Ms. Murray, Mr. Stallworth, and Mr. Driehaus.

Mr. Driehaus stated that Mr. John Schneider had served on the Cincinnati City Planning Commission for over ten years and was invited back to be recognized for that great accomplishment. He read from a previously published article to honor Mr. Schneider, as follows:

John Schneider was one of the smartest, most well-informed people I'd ever met in my life and I realized immediately he had a different kind of brain. He was not a flashy guy but there's something about him, not charisma exactly, but a certainty about what he believes, that makes smart, caring people want him to think well of them. John Schneider has not only been at the center of the streetcar debate, but smack dab in the middle of almost every impossible, controversial mega-project undertaken in the City of Cincinnati for the last twenty years. For example, the reconfiguration of Interstate 71 and the ballot initiative to locate the Reds stadium on the riverfront. Long before "urbanist" entered the popular vernacular, John was there looking and thinking, missing nothing. So when John talked "streetcar", understand that "Mr. Streetcar" wasn't just talking about transit. That was one small part of the puzzle he'd been working on his whole life. John once stated about how big development decisions were made, "ideas rarely start with government, they come from citizens who believe in them." Thank you John Schneider, your greatest legacy lies in all of us who believed we could change our world because of your example.

Mr. Driehaus then presented Mr. Schneider with a plaque thanking him for over ten years of dedicated and loyal service to the Cincinnati City Planning Commission.

Ms. Murray said that it had been a joy to work with Mr. Schneider and that he had brought forward ideas and was known for walking around the City and doing his homework on City Planning Commission items.

Mr. Black said it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Schneider and that the City Planning Commission was one of his favorite meetings to attend.

Mr. Stallworth said that he had known Mr. Schneider since he had been at the University of Cincinnati and thanked him for all the work he had done for the City.

Mr. Schneider said that he had seen such a growth in the great City of Cincinnati and in the staff of the Department of City Planning.

#### Consent Agenda - Quasi-Judicial

The Commission adopted staff's recommendations for Item 1 on the Quasi-Judicial Consent Agenda.

Ms. Murray made the motion, which Mr. Black seconded.

Aye: Mr. Black, Ms. Sesler, Mr. vom Hofe, Ms. Murray, Mr. Stallworth, and Mr. Driehaus.

#### **Discussion Agenda - Legislative**

Ms. Stacey Hoffman presented Item 2, A report and recommendation on a proposed zone change for properties currently zoned RM-1.2 in the area generally bounded by Myrtle Avenue on the north, Woodburn Avenue on the east, William Howard Taft Road to the south and Ashland Avenue on the west from RM-1.2 (Multi-family) to RMX (Residential Mixed) in East Walnut Hills. The Department of City Planning staff recommended approval.

Mr. John Haysbert, East Walnut Hills resident, stated that he was a past board member of the East Walnut Hills Assembly and past president of the Burdet Ashland Avenue Block Club member. He said he was a strong advocate for revitalization and worked in the past to improve the neighborhood. He said the neighborhood needed to attract businesses such as the University of Cincinnati (UC). He said he was opposed to the zone change because there was not enough information shared with the residents, however, he agreed that there was a need for parking.

Ms. H. Drewry Gores, President of the East Walnut Hills Assembly, stated that they sent out two letters to all affected property owners, outlining their request for a zoning study. The zoning

study was precipitated by the purchase of 1347-1349 Myrtle Avenue by UC Health for the purpose of demolishing the structure to build another parking lot. She said they met with UC Health and they agreed not to build a parking lot. She said that even though UC Health was a great neighbor, East Walnut Hills was not suited to one-to-one suburban parking.

Ms. Rae Vuic, East Walnut Hills resident and member of the East Walnut Hills Assembly, stated that she owned parking lots in the neighborhood. She said the historic homes in the area should be preserved and not torn down for parking lots. The RMX zoning would help enhance the neighborhood and the local business owners should not expect one-on-one suburban parking.

Ms. Christie Kuhns, Vice President of Community Relations for UC Health, stated that they had no plans to use the 1347-1349 Myrtle Avenue properties as a parking lot. They heard at the staff conference that the community was opposed to their plans and decided not to pursue the parking lot.

Mr. Chuck Futel, Burdet Ashland resident and past president of the Burdet Ashland Avenue Block Club and East Walnut Hills Assembly, stated that he worked to attract the right kind of development that would not damage the neighborhood. He said he was concerned that in the evening on Myrtle Avenue, residents cannot find places to park. He suggested that UC Health could build a two or three deck parking structure on a current lot to alleviate their parking shortage. He said he was also concerned about a neighbor's house that was next to the vacant lots. He said it was of paramount importance to retain the residential character of the neighborhood and increase property values.

Mr. Edwin Pfetzing, East Walnut Hills resident and business property owner, said he supported the zone change. He said that East Walnut hills has more parking than O'Bryonville and Hyde Park.

Mr. Tony Fisher, East Walnut Hills Assembly Board Member and owner of Woodburn Brewery, stated that he chose his business location based on the historic nature and residential character of the neighborhood. He said he opposed the destruction of historic buildings.

Mr. Driehaus commented that it seemed everyone wanted to preserve the historic nature of the neighborhood and that they already had more parking than nearby communities.

Ms. Katie Frazier, East Walnut Hills resident, said she lived near the 1347-1349 Myrtle Avenue properties, and said she preferred that they be used for residential structures. She said she favored the preservation of historic buildings.

Ms. Jessica Saunders, East Walnut Hills resident, stated that she moved to the neighborhood because of the residential feel and convenient drive into downtown. She said she was concerned

with Anthem closing and vacant houses on Taft Avenue. She supported maintaining and preserving the large historic homes.

Ms. Celeste Sheets, East Walnut Hills resident, stated that she moved there ten years ago and fell in love with her densely populated historic street. She said she supported preserving the historic residential feel of the neighborhood. East Walnut Hills was not suited to one-to-one suburban parking. She said she was concerned with empty lots and that surface parking was the least effective land use in the city.

Mr. Driehaus agreed with Ms. Sheets and said the zone change was a proactive step.

Ms. Murray thanked the community members and Ms. Kuhns for attending the City Planning Commission meeting and working together. She said it was important for residents to fight for their neighborhood and be involved.

# The Commission adopted staff's recommendations for Item 2 on the Legislative Discussion Agenda.

Ms. Murray made the motion, which Mr. vom Hofe seconded.

Aye: Mr. Black, Ms. Sesler, Mr. vom Hofe, Ms. Murray, Mr. Stallworth, and Mr. Driehaus.

Mr. James Weaver presented Item 3, a report and recommendation on text amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code, specifically Schedule 1409-07: Use Regulations – Commercial Districts to require a "food market" be limited to a maximum of 2,500 square feet and be part of a mixed-use building in the Commercial Neighborhood – Pedestrian (CN-P) zoning district. The Department of City Planning staff recommended approval.

At 10:08 A.M. Mr. Black left the meeting. He returned to the meeting at 10:11 A.M.

Ms. Murray asked when the notices for the staff conference sent out and Mr. Weaver responded that they were mailed two weeks prior to the meeting. She said that she frequently heard complaints from neighborhoods that they were not notified in a timely matter. She suggested that, in addition to mailed notices, all notices should be emailed to neighborhood councils two weeks prior to staff conferences. She said she was also concerned that so few neighborhoods responded to the text amendments. Mr. Weaver said that since the Commercial Neighborhood – Pedestrian (CN-P) zoning district had been part of the Draft Land Development Code (LDC) process, many neighborhoods had already decided they were not interested in that district and were not concerned with the change.

Rev. Herschel Willis, Chair of the Community Reinvestment sub-committee, said he was concerned how the text amendments would affect the former Kroger location in Walnut Hills.

Mr. Weaver responded that that property was not in a CN-P zoning district and therefore would not be affected.

Christopher DeAngelis, of Apple Street Market in Northside, said that the text amendments could be a barrier for grocery stores locating in "food desert" locations. He said finding locations for food markets was very competitive. Mr. Weaver responded that the Apple Street Market was not in a CN-P zoning district.

Mr. vom Hofe asked about the new Clifton Market and Mr. Weaver responded that because of their size, if it had been newly constructed, it would have required a varience under the current code. Mr. vom Hofe asked if the store would have been grandfathered in since it previously was a grocery store. Mr. Weaver responded that if the store had been vacant over 365 days it would have needed a variance.

Ms. Sesler asked if staff was aware of any neighborhood concerns regarding food cooperatives. Mr. Weaver responded that some gardeners were interested in a united front but that there was no central organization for urban gardens.

Mr. Tom Gamel, member of the East Price Hill Improvement Association said that he supported the text amendments. He said it was important to have restrictions and that a 15,000 square feet business was not appropriate in the walkable CN-P district.

Mr. Tom Croft, member of the East Price Hill Improvement Association said that the text amendments were consistent with the new Land Development Code. He said he was supportive of the text amendments and that the proposed change was appropriate to the scale of the district.

Mr. vom Hofe said that having a larger grocery store would increase foot traffic to the nearby businesses. Mr. Gamel responded that nearby zoning districts could support the larger food markets. Mr. vom Hofe said that the IGA in Clifton went out of business and created a food desert. Mr. Weaver responded that Clifton Market worked in the CN-P district and would most likely have been approved for a variance. Ms. Sesler asked if the text amendments would affect the Downtown district and Mr. Weaver responded that it would not.

Mr. Driehaus said that Walgreens tried to take out several small established businesses in Pleasant Ridge to build a new store. He said one of the reasons he moved to the neighborhood was the Ridge Market.

Ms. Murray said she felt conflicted because she wanted the text amendments for the East Price Hill and other neighborhoods but wanted to be careful since this affected the entire city. She said she was worried about food deserts and the fact that many neighborhoods did not respond. Mr.

Driehaus said that the subject was not new and had been vetted in the LDC process. Mr. vom Hofe said he was not ready to move forward with the text amendments and not enough neighborhoods had responded to be confident. Ms. Murray asked if the United Dairy Farmer stores would be affected. Mr. Weaver responded that he had been in contact with them and they would not be affected at this time.

# The Commission adopted staff's recommendations for Item 3 on the Legislative Discussion Agenda.

Mr. Stallworth made the motion, which Mr. Driehaus seconded.

Aye: Mr. Black, Ms. Sesler, Ms. Murray, Mr. Stallworth, and Mr. Driehaus.

Nay: Mr. vom Hofe.

#### **Director's Report**

Ms. Keough-Jurs stated that the David J. Allor Planning and Zoning Workshop would be held on March 31, 2017 and invited the City Planning Commission members to attend. She also stated that Department of City Planning staff appreciated Mr. Schneider's work on the City Planning Commission and said that he always asked the tough questions but was always very supportive of the Department of City Planning. She presented Mr. Schneider with a congratulatory cake and invited all in attendance to enjoy a slice before leaving.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.	
Charles C. Graves, III, Director	Daniel Driehaus, Chair
Department of City Planning	City Planning Commission
Date:	Date:

CPC ITEM # 1
April 7, 2017

# Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation for the lease of City-owned property located at 956 Purcell Avenue in East Price Hill to Turner Farm Inc.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Location: 956 Purcell Avenue Purchaser: Turner Farm Inc.

Purchaser's Address: 7400 Given Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243

#### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

The City owns the Price Hill Recreation Complex located at 3199 Warsaw Avenue, which is controlled by the Cincinnati Park Board and managed by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Turner Farm Inc. has petitioned the City's Office of Environment and Sustainability to lease a portion of the Recreation Complex property, previously used as the swimming pool, for use as a community garden. The location of the property is 956 Purcell Avenue and is a portion of Auditor's parcel 175-17-26. The proposed area for lease is roughly 1.5 acres.

The City has determined that this section of the property is not currently needed for a municipal purpose, and a community garden will provide economic, social, environmental and health benefits for the community. The City's Real Estate Division has determined that the estimated market rental value of the property is \$1,200 a year, but the City is willing to lease the land for \$0.00 a year in view of the economic and non-economic benefits this garden will provide for residents. Both the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Cincinnati Park Board have approved of the lease, with the initial lease term being five years.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

The community garden is consistent with the Sustain Initiative Area of Plan Cincinnati, specifically the goal to "Become a healthier Cincinnati" and specifically the strategy "Make sustainable access to fresh, healthy food a priority in all neighborhoods" (page 181). The community garden will be able to provide a variety of much needed fresh foods as well as engage the residents in learning about sustainability.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

**APPROVE** the lease of City-owned property located at 956 Purcell Avenue in East Price Hill to Turner Farm Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Urbanski, Planning Intern Department of City Planning Approved:

Charles C. Graves, III, Director Department of City Planning

#### CPC ITEM # 2 April 7, 2017

# **Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio**

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation for the lease of City-owned property at 719 State Avenue in Lower Price Hill to BLOC Ministries.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Location: 719 State Avenue
Purchaser: BLOC Ministries Inc.

Purchaser's Address: 3952 North Bend Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

#### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

The City currently owns the vacant lot at 719 State Avenue in Lower Price Hill. BLOC Ministries would like to lease the lot and use it for parking as well as a recreational area for the people they serve. BLOC Ministries owns 715 State Avenue, to the south of the lot, and 718 State Avenue, to the east of the lot. The first step to revitalization is to add new black top, which will provide a more stable surface for parking and a safer area for children to use the basketball hoop that is already in place. It will also provide more accessible parking to local businesses and residents. During business hours, the lot will be used solely for the customers and employees of the businesses located on State Avenue, as well as the BLOC Arts Building. After business hours the lot will be open for residents to use. Eventually, BLOC Ministries would like to fence half of the lot in, where the basketball hoop is, to provide a safer area for those using it. The lot will be regularly monitored by a local resident as well as BLOC Ministries staff members.

The City has determined the fair market rental value of this property to be \$800 a year, which BLOC Ministries has agreed to pay, with a lease term of one year.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

The lease is consistent with the Live Initiative Area of Plan Cincinnati, specifically the goal to "Create a more livable community" (page 156), under the strategy to "Support and stabilize our neighborhoods" (page 160). Revitalizing the lot will provide a safe parking and recreational area, as well as improve the neighborhood aesthetically.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

**APPROVE** the lease of City-owned property at 719 State Avenue in Lower Price Hill to BLOC Ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Urbanski, Planning Intern

Department of City Planning

Approved

Charles C. Graves, III, Director Department of City Planning



July 27, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

BLOC Ministries is interested in leasing the lot located at 715 State Avenue and known as Hamilton County Auditor's Parcels 149-11-44, 46, 48, 69, and 70.

If BLOC Ministries acquires the lot it will be used for a variety of resources we provide to the neighborhood of Lower Price Hill. The first plan of action is to black top the lot in order to reduce the risk of injuries to the children and teens we work with as well as provide a more accommodating space to park. Laying down black top also provides a more asthetic view of the lot for both residence and commuters along State Avenue.

The lot already possesses a basketball hoop that will continue to be used for our after-school program as well as community development. In black topping the space we will reduce, if not completely eliminate, the number of pot holes and loose rocks that often make individuals susceptible to injury while playing.

The lot will also provide accessible parking for both local businesses and residence. During business hours the lot will be used solely for the customers and employees of the businesses that are located along State Avenue as well as individuals visiting the BLOC Arts Building located at the corner of Neave Street and Staebler Street. After business hours the lot will be open for residence to use.

The lot will be monitored by a local resident and BLOC Ministries staff member. We will also continue to maintain the lighting of the lot in order to reduce criminal activity. We strongly desire maintaining a positive presence by monitoring parking, keeping up with the asthetics of the lot, and fixing the lighting as needed.

BLOC Ministries is also in the process of opening up a performance center in the garage located next to the lot (Parcel ID: 149-0011-0042-00). Once the performance center is open the lot will be used for a variety of activities associated with the performance center, i.e. walking lunges, sprints, sled pushes. They will also utilize the basketball hoop for different sport training exercises.

Long term, BLOC Ministries would like to fence in half of the lot (the side where the basketball hoop is) in order to provide a safer atmosphere for the children and teens that are playing. The fence would have a gate that could be opened to still accommodate parking.

Our ultimate goal is to create an atmosphere in which community is harvested and magnified. We believe the location of the lot is ideal for community development and also essential for the enhancement of our programming here at BLOC Ministries.

Thank you for your time,

Alexa Bunch

BLOC Ministries Inc.
Believing and Living One Christ

info@blochead.org www.blochead.org 3952 North Bend Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45211



### Lower Price Hill Community Council

656 NEAVE STREET CINCINNATI, OHIO 45204 PHONE: (513) 471-9849

September 1, 2016

Mr. Thomas R. Klumb, Manager Real Estate Services Division City Hall 801 Plum Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Klumb:

Your letter of August 29, postmarked August 30, arrived today, September 1, 2016. It is perplexing to know how Lower Price Hill residents can, by August 26, 2016 (emphasis yours) submit "concerns" we have about BLOC Ministries Inc. that wants yet more land in our neighborhood.

Specific to your request, we have strong objections to leasing-or-giving parcels of land that BLOC wants near 719 State Avenue.

The Model Group re-entered Lower Price Hill over one year ago with plans to revitalize this neighborhood's business district on both West Eighth Street and on State Avenue. Partnered with The Model Group in this endeavor are the Lower Price Hill Community Council, Price Hill Will, and the Oyler Learning Center. The western side of State Avenue is a key factor in the redevelopment plan. That fact is well known by all pertinent city departments, numerous representatives of which have participated in Model's and our planning meetings. BLOC's sudden desire for land in that area would be a gratuitous interference in the ongoing work. We find it telling that no one from BLOC ever expressed interest in that land...until now.

It would be unconscionable for the city to grant BLOC that land at the expense of the revitalization of the State Avenue corridor by The Model Group, the respected redeveloper of aging neighborhoods, with the active participation of people in this community.

BLOC's claimed use of part of that land for recreational purposes is superfluous at best. The same is true for BLOC's perceived need for a "performance center" in a nearby garage. Parking on State Avenue is well provided for in The Model Group's plan.

It is the experience of numerous watchful Lower Price Hill residents that BLOC's penchant for acquiring many buildings and land has little justification vis-à-vis any perceived services or activities rendered by that fund-raising agency for the betterment of the people of Lower Price Hill.

We strongly oppose an effort by any city representatives to give or lease the 719 State Avenue land to BLOC Ministries Inc. Plans for that land's long-term, productive improvement are in progress in Lower Price Hill, Cincinnati's largest area on the National Historic Register.

Sincerely,

Jack Degano, Ph.D. President

# **Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio**

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation on the sale of a section of vacated right-of-way along Old Red Bank Road in Madisonville from the City to RBM Development, LLC.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Location: Near southeast quadrant of Madison Road and Red Bank Expressway,

south of the United Dairy Farmer store at 5311 Madison Road

Purchaser: RBM Development, LLC

Purchaser's Address: 600 Vine Street Suite 2800, Cincinnati, OH 45202

#### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

This section of City-owned right-of-way (ROW) located within the Medpace Madisonville campus was used for decades as a public ROW, currently, it remains gated and inaccessible. All street improvements to the property are considered fully depreciated, and serve no functional use to the public. The petitioner, RBM Development, LLC has plans to assemble the land and use it as part of the Medpace campus expansion.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) has approved the sale of this ROW contingent on the agreement of the developer to exchange a portion of property needed along Red Bank Expressway in order to accommodate for a future additional northbound lane. The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) has also determined that an existing 24" sanitary sewer is located within the subject property and there will need to be an easement dedicated to protect it.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

The sale of this property is consistent with the Compete Initiative Area of Plan Cincinnati, incorporating its strategy to "pursue new growth and business recruitment efforts in target industries" (page 108) which includes the life science industry.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

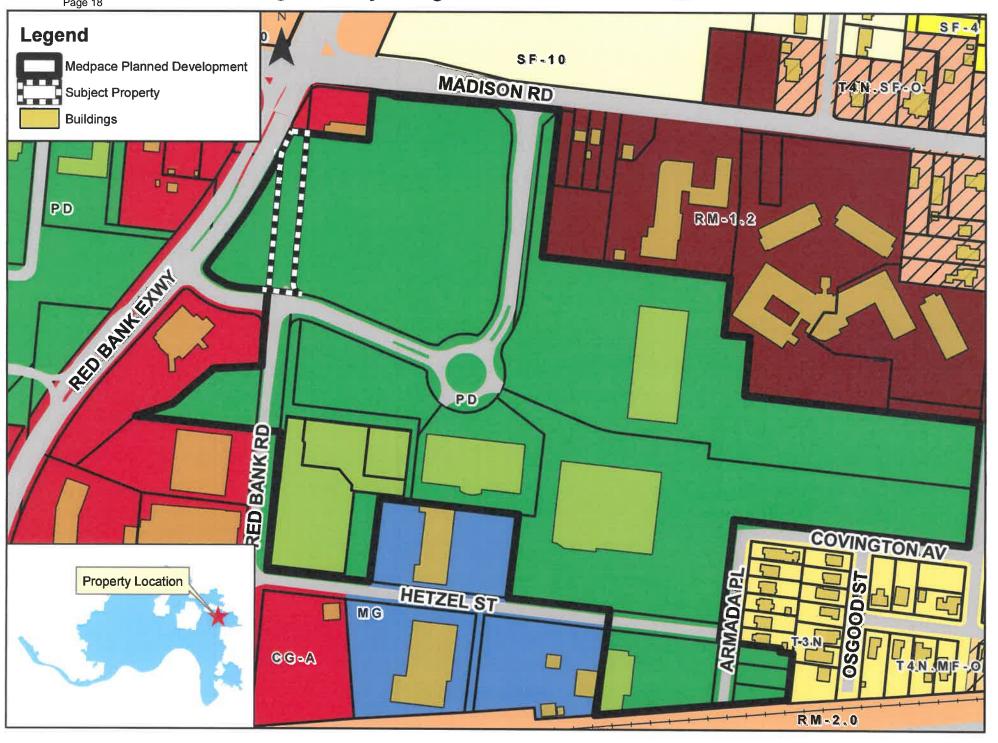
**APPROVE** the sale of a section of vacated right-of-way along Old Red Bank Road from the City to RBM Development, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Lauren Bihl, Planning Intern Department of City Planning Charles C. Graves, III, Director, Department of City Planning





### Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio

**April 7, 2017** 

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation on the dedication of a portion of South Street within Metro West Commerce Park in Lower Price Hill.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Location: West of Intersection at South Street and Evans Street

Purchaser: Nehemiah Manufacturing Company, LLC Purchaser's Address: 1130 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

#### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

Nehemiah Manufacturing Company manufactures and packages several products including but not limited to saline wipes, cleansing wipes, odor eliminator products, and all-purpose cleaning products. The company contractually agreed to purchase approximately 7.7 acres of property within Metro West Commerce Park from the City to construct a new manufacturing and warehouse facility. The facility will contain approximately 172,000 square feet and will cost approximately \$11 million. With this development, the company plans to retain 76 jobs and create 50 full-time employees within 3 years after completion of the project.

In order to accommodate for the commercial-vehicle traffic required by this facility, it is necessary for two portions of property abutting either side of South Street (west of the intersection at Evans Street) to be dedicated as right-of-way (ROW). This roadway improvement will further encourage the productive commercial reuse and investment on the remaining parcels of Metro West Commerce Park.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

The dedication of this property is consistent with the Connect Initiative Area of Plan Cincinnati, incorporating its goal to "use the City's transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities" (page 128).

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

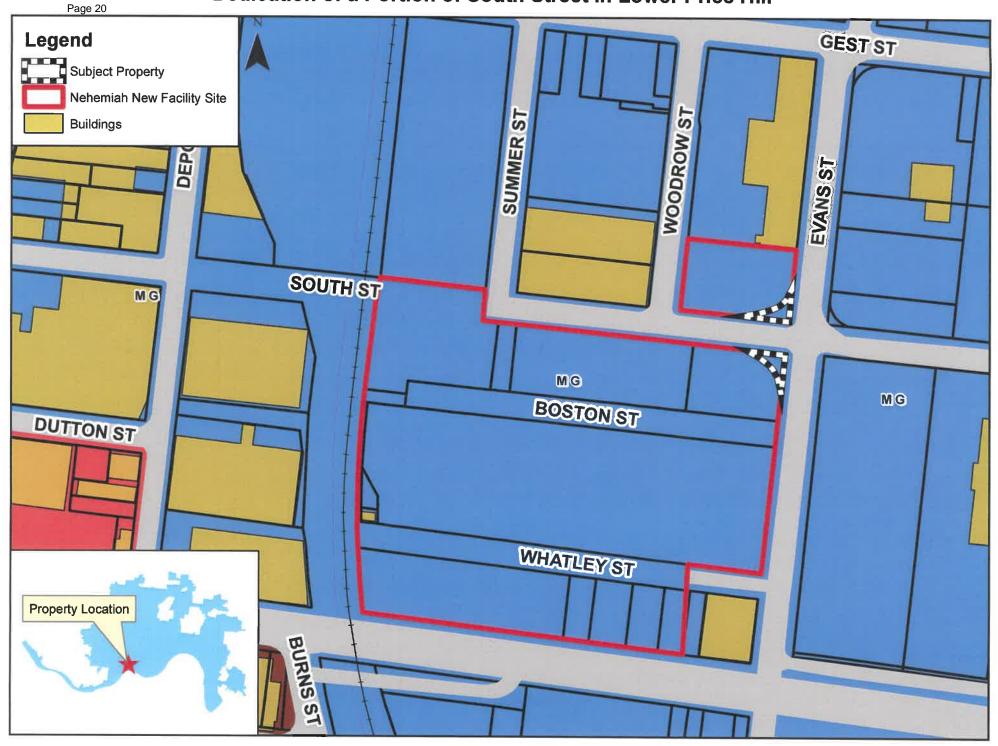
**APPROVE** the dedication of a portion of South Street within Metro West Commerce Park in Lower Price Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Bihl, Planning Intern Department of City Planning Approved:

Charles C. Graves, III, Director, Department of City Planning

### **Dedication of a Portion of South Street in Lower Price Hill**



### Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio

April 7, 2017

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation on variances to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 809 Mann Place in Avondale.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City Planning Commission is the platting authority of the City of Cincinnati. The property at 809 Mann Place is currently vacant and is owned by Southern Baptist Church. The building is two and a half-stories tall with a large two or three story building wrapping around the east and south sides of the building, which was built between 1996 and 2001. The zoning of this property is Residential-Mixed (RMX), which permits new one-to-three family homes. The RMX zoning district requires a minimum 20 foot rear-yard setback and a minimum 3 foot side-yard setback for principal buildings. The Hamilton County Library to the west is zoned RM-1.2, a multifamily zoning district.

Ginny Kidd, on behalf of Southern Baptist Church, is requesting a variance to the rear-yard and side-yard setbacks for 809 Mann Place so the church can sell the building to Kennedy Elite Basketball to use for their office. The applicant is requesting the following variances:

809 Mann Place					
Variance to:	Required	Proposed	Relief Requested		
SEC. 1405-07	Minimum 20 foot man yand oothool-	0 foot rear	20 feet		
Dev. Regulations	Minimum 20 foot rear yard setback	setback			
SEC. 1405-07	Minimum 2 for at more man 1 and a st	0 foot side	2.5.4		
Dev. Regulations	Minimum 3 foot rear yard setback	setback	3 feet		

#### **CRITERIA/ANALYSIS:**

Section 700.3 of the Subdivision regulations permits the City Planning Commission to grant variances from the design standards set forth in Chapter 4 of these regulations when it finds:

- 1. The subdivision does not result in the creation of building sites for additional buildings. *The proposed subdivision will not create any new building sites.*
- 2. The buildings were constructed prior to February 13, 2004.

  Although the building information cannot be found on the Hamilton County Auditor's website, the building was built before 2004. The building creating the setback issues first appears on the CAGIS 2001 aerial image.
- 3. The variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the interests of other owners of property in the vicinity.

  The proposed parcel configuration will not change the physical existing conditions of the area.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

Plan Cincinnati does not address lot splits in relation to parceling out existing structures.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

**APPROVE** the variances to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 809 Mann Place in Avondale.

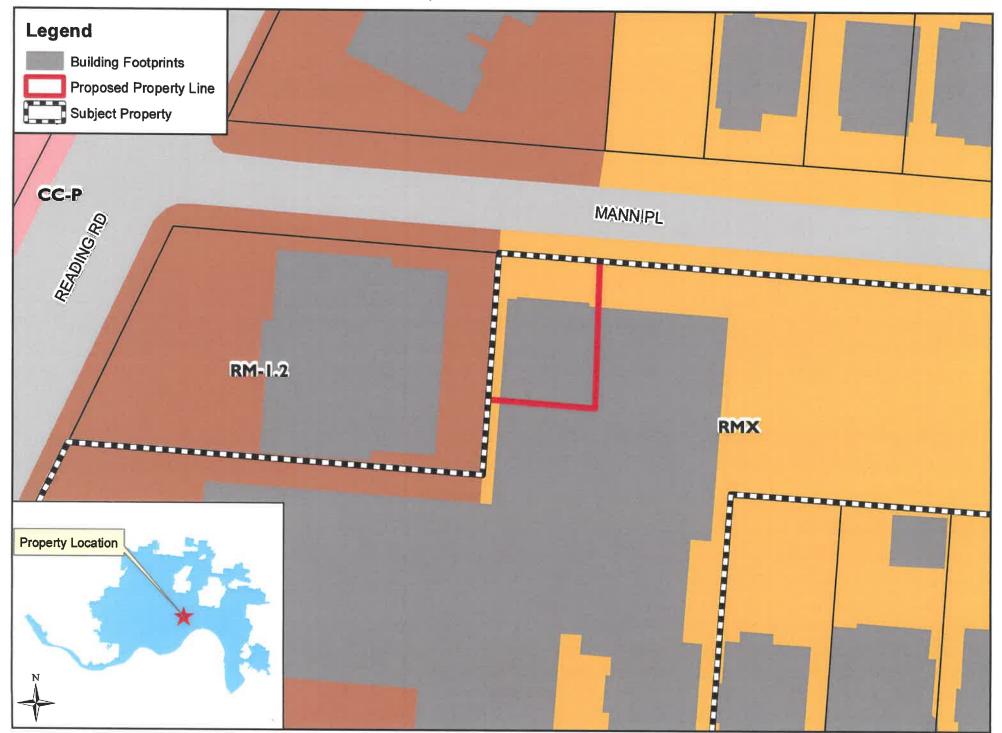
Respectfully submitted:

James Weaver, AICP Senior City Planner Approved:

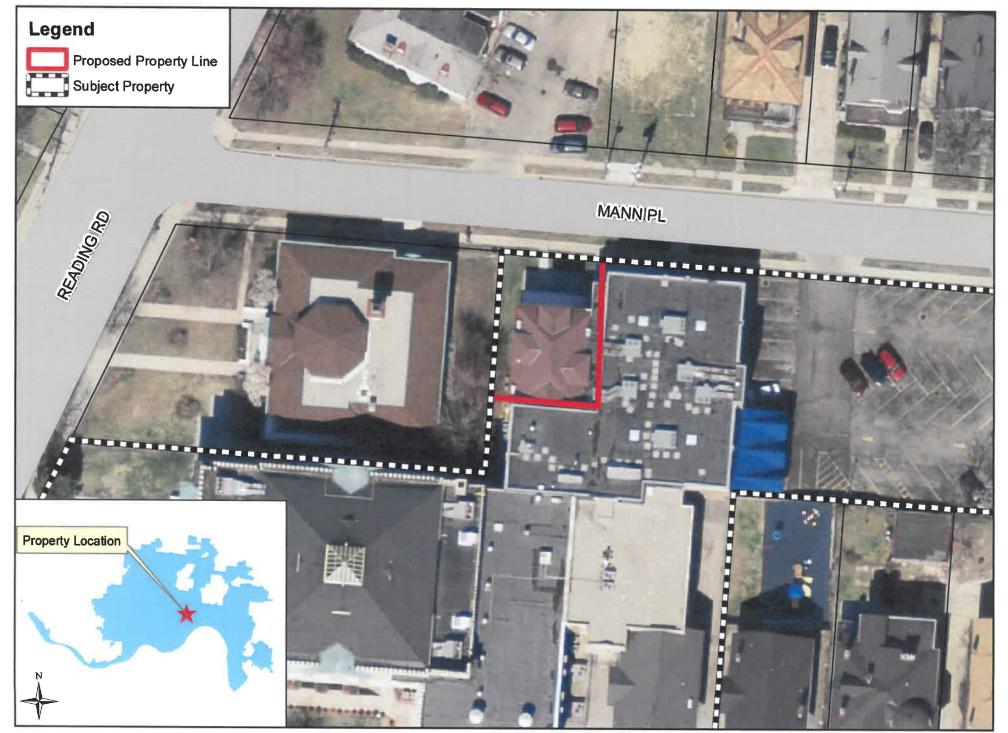
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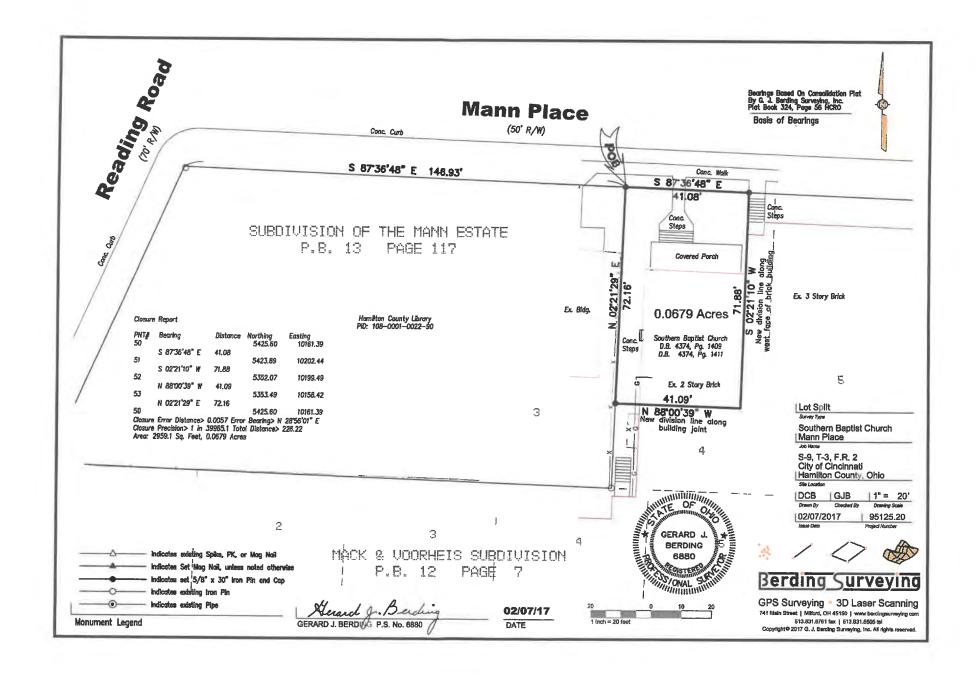
Director, Department City Planning

### Proposed rear and side-yard setback variance at 809 Mann Place



### Proposed rear and side-yard setback variance at 809 Mann Place





# **Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio**

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation on a Record Plat for Sanctuary Court Subdivision in East Walnut Hills.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Record Plat consisting of 0.8849 acres was prepared by Bayer Becker and creates 10 new residential lots. The property is currently owned by D-Has Development LLC. The Plat of Subdivision has been reviewed and approved by all reviewing agencies.

The proposed subdivision is located on the southeast corner of Cleinview Avenue and Madison Road. The property is zoned Planned Development No. 75 (PD-75). The subdivision will create the lots to allow this project to be completed.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

The proposed development of the property is consistent with Plan Cincinnati. The subdivision creates 10 new residential lots, all of which are planned to contain owner-occupied housing units. This fulfills one of the goals of the Live Initiative Area, which is to "Provide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability" (page 64).

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

**APPROVE** the Record Plat for Sanctuary Court Subdivision in East Walnut Hills for the reasons that the plans conform to the subdivision regulations and comply with the requirements of all reviewing agencies.

Respectfully submitted:

James Weaver, AICP

Senior City Planner

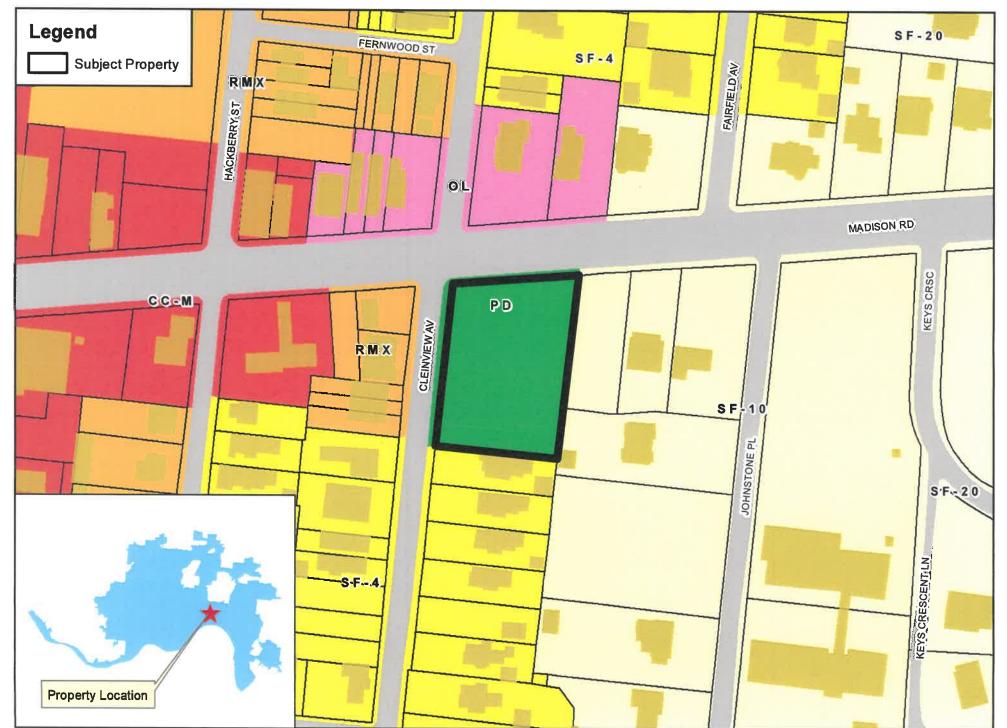
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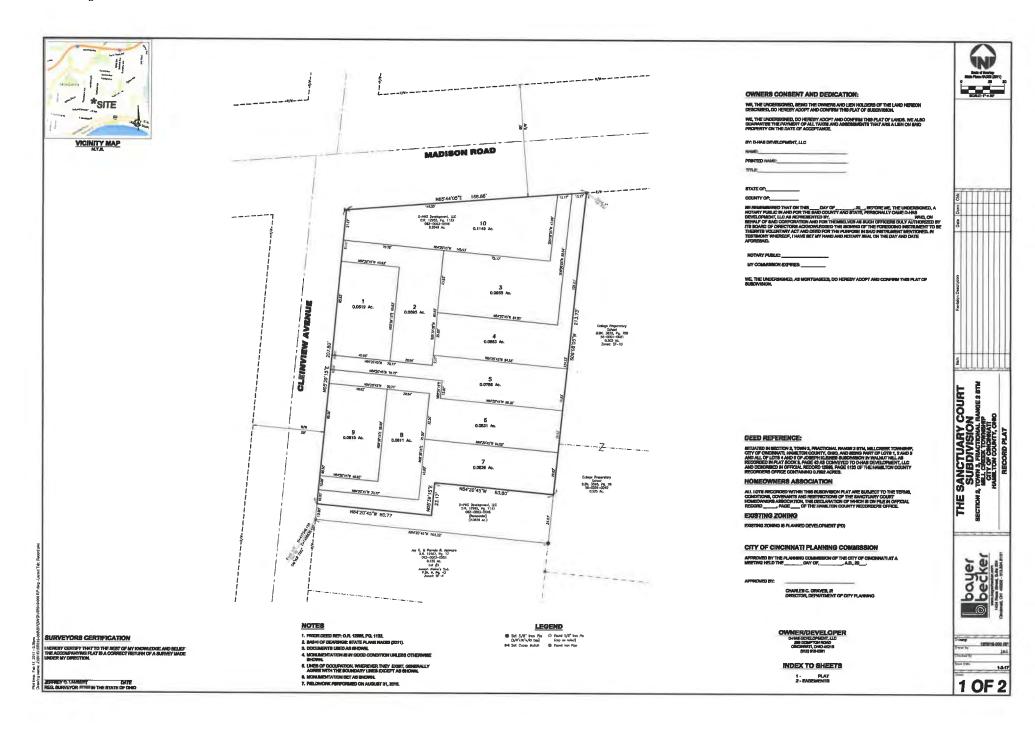
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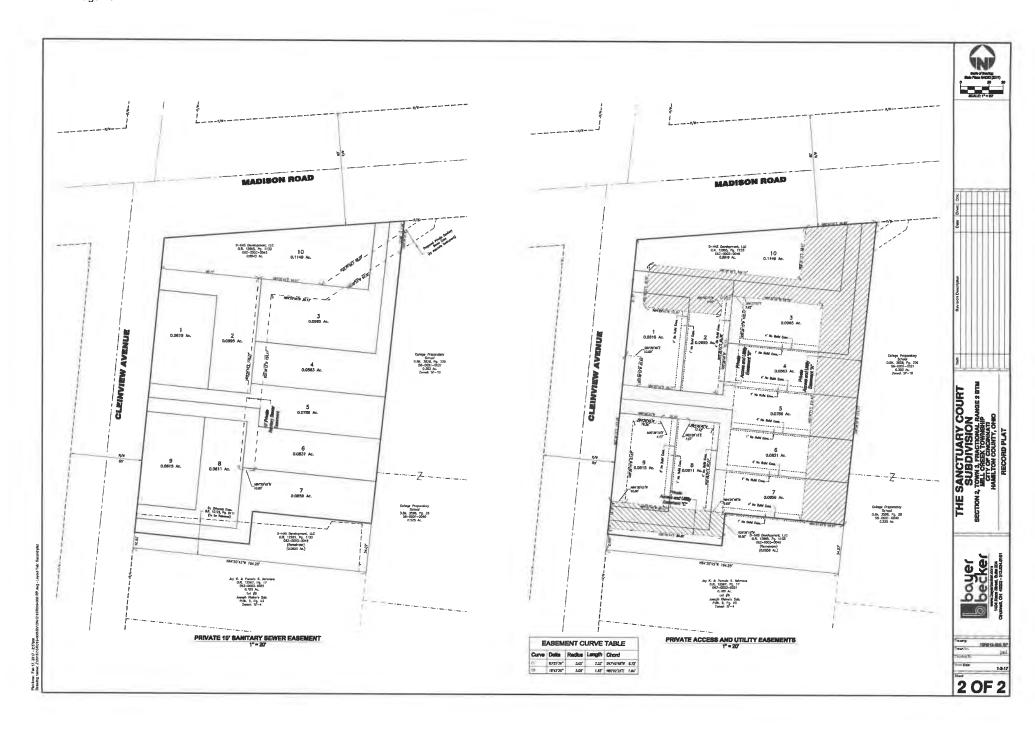
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### Record Plat: Sanctuary Court







# CPC ITEM # 7 April 7, 2017

# **Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio**

SUBJECT:

A report and recommendation on a proposed expansion of the Veracruz restaurant at 3106 Price Avenue, within Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 80, Incline District Investment Area in East Price Hill.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 3, 2016, the City Planning Commission recommended approval of Interim Development Control (IDC) No. 80 to City Council and recommended that the Department of City Planning conduct a zoning study in the area. On June 15, 2016, Cincinnati City Council established IDC No. 80 by emergency ordinance for a period of three months and directed City Planning staff to undertake a zoning study for this area to address the concerns that land speculators have begun to acquire small parcels and potentially threaten land uses that threaten redevelopment efforts. The outcome of the zoning study was to limit and make appropriate text amendments to "food markets", which the City Planning Commission approved on March 17, 2017. This text amendment will be reviewed by City Council in May. This establishment falls under an "eating and drinking establishment." A nine-month extension was approved by City Planning Commission on July 15, 2016 and by City Council on August 3, 2016. The IDC will expire on June 15, 2017.

According to §1431-15 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code, the City Planning Commission has the duty to review applications in the established IDC No. 80 Incline District Investment Area. The Department of City Planning staff is the designated administrative reviewer. All permits that fall within the IDC No. 80 boundary for new construction, demolition of existing structures, exterior alterations or additions to existing structures, changes in use, site improvements, construction or reconstruction of streets or curb cuts, and excavation and fill are made subject to review by the City Planning Commission in accordance with the "Regulations and Application Review Guidelines for Interim Development Control District No. 80, Incline District Investment Area [...] and Designation of Administrative Reviewer."

The subject property is within the Commercial Neighborhood - Pedestrian (CN-P) zoning district and is owned by KB Partners LLC. The building contains one commercial space, according to the submitted building plan. This space contains the Veracruz restaurant. The proposed expansion plan includes additional dining and seating east of existing space, a bar, and an outdoor patio. Plans for the expansion were first applied for on March 8, 2017, the proposed expansion is considered an addition to an existing structure, which requires IDC review.

The proposed project may also require several variances and conditional uses. Please see attached letter from zoning administrator Matthew Shad.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

According to Section 1431-17 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code, "[t]he administrative reviewer appointed pursuant to subparagraph 1431-7(c) has the duty to prepare an advisory report that evaluates whether the proposed work is in compliance with the application review guidelines adopted. The administrative reviewer has the duty to file the report with the City Planning Commission within 30 business days of the date of application." These factors or guidelines include:

(a) Proposed Work Permitted by Current and Proposed Zoning. The proposed work is permitted or conditionally permitted in the base district, conforms to all standards and performance criteria of the Cincinnati Zoning Code and does not conflict with any proposed amendment to the Cincinnati Zoning Code then under consideration by the City Planning Commission or Council.

The property is zoned Commercial Neighborhood – Pedestrian (CN-P), which encourages businesses like the one proposed. There are no proposed amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code that would prohibit this use.

- (b) **Proposed Work Compatibility.** The proposed work is compatible with the predominant or prevailing land use, building and structure patterns in the surrounding neighborhood and community.
  - The proposed expansion is compatible with the prevailing land uses in the neighborhood. In 2012, this area was rezoned to CN-P to facilitate commercial and retail development.
- (c) No Detrimental Effect to the Public. The proposed work is not detrimental to the public peace, health, safety or general welfare.

The proposed expansion would pose no negative effects on the adjoining property owners or the public. If the outdoor patio has entertainment, this may have a negative effect on adjoining property owners due to increased noise, but it is not known at this time if they plan on having outdoor entertainment.

(d) No Adverse Effect on Adjoining Properties. The proposed work has no adverse effect on the access to the property for fire and police protection and adequate public facilities and services, access to light and air from adjoining properties, traffic conditions, transportation requirements and facilities or development and use of adjacent land, structures and buildings.

The proposed expansion poses no adverse effects to adjoining properties, which are also owned by KB Partners LLC.

According to IDC No. 80, "[a]ll applications subject to review in Section 1 above shall be reviewed by the City Planning Commission in accordance of the general standards set forth in Section 1445-13 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code." Section 1445-13, General Standards; Public Interest, is intended to maximize both the public interest and private benefits. These factors or guidelines include:

- (a) **Zoning**. The proposed work conforms to the underlying zone district regulations and is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the Cincinnati Zoning Code.
  - The property is zoned Commercial Neighborhood Pedestrian (CN-P). This type of business, an eating and drinking establishment, is permitted in this zoning district, but variances, special exceptions and conditional uses may be required for the proposed plans.
- (b) Guidelines. The proposed work conforms to any guidelines adopted or approved by Council for the district in which the proposed work is located.
  - There are no specific guidelines adopted or approved by Council in this location, other than the CN-P zoning.
- (c) Plans. The proposed work conforms to a comprehensive plan, any applicable urban design or other plan officially adopted by Council, and any applicable community plan approved by the City Planning Commission.
  - The Incline District Master Plan (2012), specifically notes this area to be developed as one of many commercial nodes along Price Avenue (page 38). The Price Hill Plan (2015), notes this as an area for development opportunity in their Future Land Use Map (page 16). It is also consistent with Plan Cincinnati (2012), under the Compete Initiative Area, specifically the strategy to "grow our own, by focusing on retention, expansion and relocation of existing businesses." (page 104)
- (d) **Traffic.** Streets or other means of access to the proposed development are suitable and adequate to carry anticipated traffic and will not overload the adjacent streets and the internal circulation system is properly designed.

Traffic may increase slightly due to more customers coming to this area.

neighborhood.

- (e) **Buffering.** Appropriate buffering is provided to protect adjacent uses or properties from light, noise and visual impacts.
  - Adjoining properties are also zoned CN-P, therefore buffering is not required.
- (f) Landscaping. Landscaping meets the requirements of Chapter 1423, Landscaping and Buffer Yards. The landscaping will need to meet the requirements for CN-P zoning.
- (g) Hours of Operation. Operating hours are compatible with adjacent land uses.

  Hours of operation would be every day from 11 AM to 9 PM according to the Veracruz Facebook page, which is consistent with existing hours.
- (h) Neighborhood Compatibility. The proposed work is compatible with the predominant or prevailing land use, building and structure patterns of the neighborhood surrounding the proposed development and will not have a material net cumulative adverse impact on the neighborhood.

  The addition reinforces the desirable transition to a more pedestrian-friendly district by expansion along the front lot line and adds to the revitalization of the Incline District and the East Price Hill
- (i) Proposed Zoning Amendments. The proposed work is consistent with any proposed amendment to the zoning code then under consideration by the City Planning Commission or Council.

  The goal of this IDC is to allow time for City staff and the East Price Hill community to study zoning and other solutions in the area. The outcome of the zoning study was to limit "food markets", (March 17, 2017). This establishment falls under an "eating and drinking establishment."
- (j) Adverse Effects. Any adverse effect on the access to the property by fire, police, or other public services; access to light and air from adjoining properties; traffic conditions; or the development, usefulness or value of neighboring land and buildings.
  - There is no perceived adverse effect from the proposed expansion. The expansion plan will not have an adverse effect on the character of the area or the public health, safety, and general welfare, and will be constructed, arranged, and operated to be compatible with the use and development of neighboring properties in accord with applicable district regulations.
- (k) **Blight.** The elimination or avoidance of blight.

  The proposed expansion will develop what was previously a vacant lot.
- (l) **Economic Benefits.** The promotion of the Cincinnati economy.

  The proposed expansion will help the restaurant serve more customers and potentially draw more patrons to the area. It will also increase sales and property taxes.
- (m) **Job Creation.** The creation of jobs both permanently and during construction.

  The construction of the proposed expansion may require the new dining and bar services to hire more staff, and may create temporary construction jobs while it is being built.
- (n) Tax Valuation. Any increase in the real property tax duplicate.

  The proposed expansion should increase the value of the property, which would result in increased real estate taxes.
- (o) **Private Benefits.** The economic and other private benefits to the owner or applicant.

  The proposed expansion allows more customers to visit the restaurant, which should increase revenue for the property owner.

(p) **Public Benefits.** The public peace, health, safety or general welfare.

The proposed expansion will be an attractive amenity to residents and visitors to East Price Hill.

Although this project will need variances, the proposed expansion generally meets or is not applicable to all of the guidelines in Section 1445-13 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code. This IDC review is for the expansion of the Veracruz restaurant and any permits incidental to the expansion, such as retaining walls, signage etc. Any variances, conditional uses etc. related to this project will need to be approved by the Zoning Hearing Examiner.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLANS:**

The Incline District Master Plan (2012), specifically notes this area to be developed as one of many commercial nodes along Price Avenue (page 38). The Price Hill Plan (2015), notes this as an area for development opportunity in their Future Land Use Map (page 16). It is also consistent with Plan Cincinnati (2012), under the Compete Initiative Area, specifically the strategy to "grow our own, by focusing on retention, expansion and relocation of existing businesses." (page 104)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Staff sent notice to all adjoining property owners as well as the East Price Hill Improvement Association and Price Hill Will. To date, staff has received two letters of support for the project. One letter is from KB Partners LLC, the property owner, and the other from Don Johnson of Cutler Real Estate.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

- 1. **ADOPT** the Department of City Planning staff findings that the permit applications conform to the application review guidelines for Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 80, Incline District Investment Area, and meets the standards set forth in Cincinnati Zoning Code Sections 1431-17 and 1445-13, as discussed on pages one to four (1-4) of this report; and,
- 2. **APPROVE** The proposed expansion at 3106 Price Avenue, the Veracruz restaurant, within Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 80, Incline District Investment Area in East Price Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

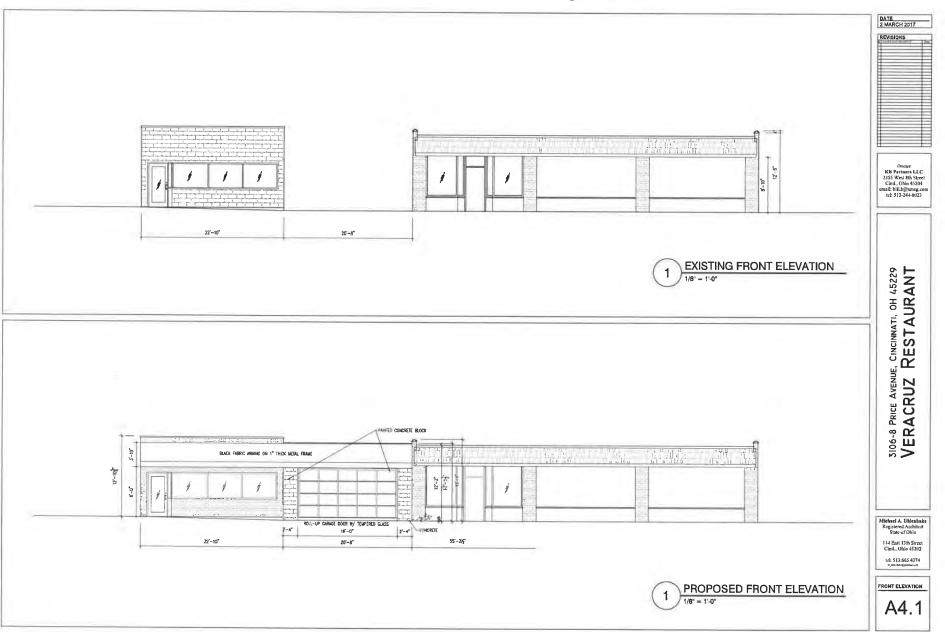
Hannah Urbanski, Planning Intern Department of City Planning Approved:

Charles C. Graves, III, Director Department of City Planning

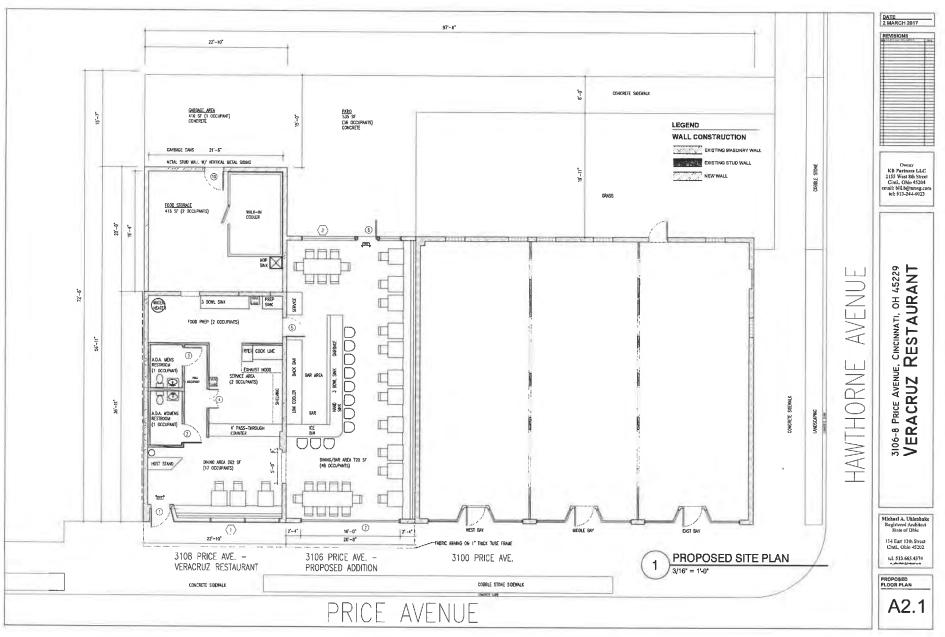
### IDC Review: Expansion: Veracruz Restaurant at 3106 Price Avenue



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**SUBJECT: Plan No.:** 2017P02171

Location: 3106 PRICE AV

Request: Commercial Addition

Zoning District: CN-P

Commercial Neighborhood

MICHAEL UHLENHAKE 114 E 13TH CINCINNATI OH 45202

#### Dear MICHAEL UHLENHAKE

I have received and reviewed the subject project for compliance with the Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati, and it is being delayed for the following reason(s):

Project is within IDC. Planning Commission approval is required.

- 1) Prepare and record lot reconfiguration as proposed building shown to be constructed over existing property lines. Professional Surveyor required to complete lot reconfiguration.
- " Page G1 inaccurately demonstrates a property line configuration that does not presently exist.
- " Project is proposed to be constructed over existing property lines (Parcels 175-0017-0124, 175-0017-0024, and 175-0017-0167).
- " Develop proposed lot configuration by Professional Surveyor and show proof of recording.
- " Building Permits cannot be issued prior to recording of property reconfiguration.
- 2) Prepare accurate site plan by professional surveyor accurately depicted necessary regrading and potential retaining walls for proposed Outdoor Area.
- " Page G1 represents no required grading in the rear for the proposed Outdoor Area.
- " Topographic maps and site inspection reveal immediate grade change on the rear of the building.
- " Approval of the Outdoor Area shall require a detailed plan of construction and accurate grading plan and any proposed retaining walls.
- " Retaining Walls shall require separate permit.
- 3) Sec. 1425-19: Proposed Multi-Tenant building shall be required to provide a minimum of 6 spaces for the Eating and Drinking Establishment and 10 spaces for the Retail tenant area. Demonstrate proposed construction of legal Parking Facility onsite or compliant off-site parking.
- " Existing Retail Building = 2,484 sq. ft.
- " Proposed Eating and Drinking Establishment to be 2,221 square feet.
- " Proposed Outdoor Area to be 915 sq. ft.
- 4) Sec. 1409-09 requires minimum building height of 15 ft. Applicant shall increase façade height for entire restaurant a such that applicant can demonstrate parapet wall will conceal all HVAC roof equipment.
- 5) Sec. 1419-21(b) Conditional Use Approval required when proposed property is within 100 feet of residential zoning district.
- 6) Sec. 1419-21(c) Size of Outdoor Area cannot exceed 1,111 sq. ft. without Conditional Use Approval.
- 7) Sec 1419-21(e) If Outdoor Entertainment is desired, Conditional Use Approval is required when Outdoor Area is within 500 feet of a Residential District.
- 8) Sec. 1419-21(g) Outdoor Area is prohibited to operate between Midnight and 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. all other days
- 9) Sec. 1421-35 Comply with Refuse Storage Area requirements.
- 10) Proposed Awning shall require a Revocable Street Privilege. Demonstrate RSP application and approval in this permit or remove awning and apply under separate permit.



11) Clarify as to whether you are anticipating an Outdoor Area within the right of way. An RSP is required and detailed plans required for such Outdoor Area.

12) No signage is proposed in this submission. Signage shall have to apply under separate permit.

The Zoning Code is Title XIV of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. The Municipal Code can be accessed through a link on our department's webpage at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning.

You may obtain a Zoning Hearing Application Form with instructions on the City website at http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/about-city-planning-buildings/zoning-hearing-examiner/. If you have any questions with regards to the submission of your Zoning Hearing application and documentation, please contact me or Rodney Ringer, Senior City Planner at 513-352-4847.

All revisions to plans must be made in person at Buildings and Inspections, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500. Please submit as many copies of the revisions as were submitted with the original Building Permit Application.

I will be happy to assist you with any Zoning questions or concerns you may have. Please call me at with questions or to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

Matthew Shad **Zoning Administrator** 513.352.3418

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\*Check the status of your permit via the web by using the following link:

http://cagis.hamilton-co.org/opal/apd.aspx?QSPerm=2017P02171



March 27, 2017

Department of Building and Inspections Zoning Department Attn: Zoning Plan Examiner 805 Central Ave. Suite 500 Cincinnati, OH 45202

Subject: Veracruz Mexican Grill

3108 Price Avenue

Dear Zoning Plan Examiner:

I am writing to express my support for the Zoning Relief in the form of a Conditional Use Approval for the creation of the exterior patio for the existing Veracruz Mexican Grill.

The Veracruz Mexican Grill is a positive contributor to our neighborhood and provides additional economic stability to our business district.

The addition of this exterior patio will enhance the vitality and serve the immediate neighborhood. It will also compliment the Bloc Coffee Company, the Somm Wine Bar and Kitchen and the Flats Art Gallery, all located in close proximity within the Incline Business District.

Sincerely,

Ddn Johnson
Cutier Real Estate
Regional Vice President
6460 Harrison Avenue, Suite 100
Cincinnati, OH 45247
donjohnson@cutlerhomes.com
513.703.0658

### KB Partners, LLC

#### **Development & Management**

2155 West Eight Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45204

March 26, 2017

To: Department of Building & Inspections
Zoning Department
Attn: Zoning Plan Examiner
805 Central Ave.
Suite 500
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Subject: Veracruz Mexican Grill 3108 Price Ave

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Sincerely,

William U Barwinkel

Bill Burwinkel Managing Partner 1(513)244-8023 Thomas Koopman

Tom Koopman Managing Partner 1(513)244-8049

### Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio

April 7, 2017

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation on variances to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 2610 Riverside Drive in East End.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The property is 0.179 acres (7,797 square feet) and currently contains one single-family home. The zoning of this property is Residential-Mixed (RMX), which permits new one-to-three family homes and requires a minimum of 2,500 square feet per single-family home. The City Planning Commission approved the sale of property to TD Ferguson, LLC on August 5, 2016. The applicant is proposing to split the property into three lots. The permits for the additional buildings went through the variance process on September 21, 2016, where all variances, including for minimum lot size were approved. The City Planning Commission is the platting authority of the City of Cincinnati, so the minimum lot size variance can only be approved by the City Planning Commission.

David Ferguson is requesting variances to minimum lot size for two of the three lots. The applicant is requesting the following variances:

2610 Riverside Drive							
Variance to:	Relief Requested						
SEC. 1405-07 Dev. Regulations	Minimum 2,500 SF lot	2,352 SF	148 SF				
SEC. 1405-07 Dev. Regulations	Minimum 2,500 SF lot	2,483 SF	17 SF				

#### **CRITERIA/ANALYSIS:**

Section 700.2 of the Subdivision regulations permits the City Planning Commission to grant variances from the design standards set forth in Chapter 4 of these regulations when it finds:

- 1. Exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the subject property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same district or vicinity. The proposed lots are actually larger than many surrounding lots. The three lots could be configured to all meet the 2,500 square foot minimum lot size, but can't be due to a DOTE condition.
- 2. Such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant possessed by owners of other properties in the same district or vicinity.
  - The proposed lots are larger than most surrounding lots, and the proposed new construction is a lower density than what was there previously.
- 3. The variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the interests of other owners of property in the vicinity.

  The proposed parcel configuration creates a lower density than what was there previously.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

Plan Cincinnati does not address lot splits, but this proposal will result in two new homes, which is consistent with the strategy under the Live Initiative Area to "provide quality healthy housing for all income levels (page 165)."

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

**APPROVE** the variances to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 2610 Riverside Drive in East End.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

ames Weaver, AICP

Senior City Planner

Charles C. Graves III

Director, Department City Planning

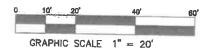
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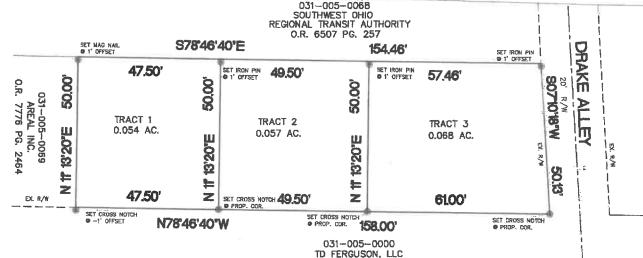
**Subject Property** 





ANTHONY L. BILLINGER OHIO REG. SURVEYOR NO. 7951 THIS PLAT IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RESULT OF A FIELD SURVEY MADE UNDER MY DIRECTION AND ALL MONUMENTATION HAS BEEN FOUND OR SET AS SHOWN





NOTES:

1. OCCUPATION IN GENERAL FITS SURVEY

2. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF OCCUPATION OTHER THAN SHOWN 3. ALL FOUND MONUMENTATION WAS STRAIGHT AND IN GOOD

CONDITION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

4. \* DENOTES FOUND IRON PIN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTE 5. DENOTES SET IRON PIN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTE

PARCEL NO. 031-005-00

#### PLAT OF SURVEY

FOR

#### TD FERGUSON, LLC

SITUATE IN SECTION 32, TOWN 4, FRACTION RANGE 2, MIAMI PURCHASE COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

> PREPARED BY: ANTHONY L. DILLINGER MARCH 19, 2016 REVISED: OCTOBER 05, 2016

#### RIVERSIDE DRIVE

60' R/W CLOSURE:

Parcel name: TRACT 1

North: 5034,8073 East: 4957.0728 Course: N 11-13-20 E Length: 50.0000 North: 5083.8513 East: 4966.8035 Course: S 78-46-40 E Length: 47.5000 North: 5074,6071 East: 5013.3953 Course: S 11-13-20 W Length: 50.0000 North: 5025,5631 East: 5003.6646 Course: N 78-48-40 W Length: 47.5000 North: 5034.8073

Area: 2,375 sq.ft. 0.054 gcres

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Parcel name: TRACT 2

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Area: 2,475 sq.ft. 0.057 ocres

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Parcel name: TRACT 3

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Area: 2,951 eq.ft. 0,068 acres

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#### CPC ITEM #9

Honorable City Planning Commission Cincinnati, Ohio

**April 7, 2017** 

#### **SUBJECT:**

A report and recommendation on a change in zoning for property located at 3001 Woodburn Avenue, and 1521 and 1523 Gilpin Avenue in Evanston from RMX Residential Mixed District and CC-M Commercial Community Mixed District to expand the existing Planned Development #72 (PD-72) DeSales Flats III, a Major Amendment to the Concept Plan and Final Development Plan.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Owner: Towne Development Group

1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 **Petitioner:** Chad Munitz

1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 6, 2015 the Cincinnati City Planning Commission recommended approval for a Planned Development District at 3001 Woodburn Avenue in Evanston. Cincinnati City Council adopted Ordinance No. 63-2015 creating PD-72 on March 11, 2015. A Final Development Plan was approved by the Cincinnati City Planning Commission on July 15, 2006 to permit the construction of three apartment buildings that have frontage on Woodburn Avenue and Lincoln Avenue.

The Towne Development Group has acquired additional property at 1521 and 1523 Gilpin Avenue to enlarge the existing Planned Development.

The original proposed site was approximately 2.4 acres in size. The petitioner requests a Major Amendment to the Concept Plan to add 0.5235 acres of property that fronts on to Gilpin Avenue to create a 3.05 acre site.

The petitioner is also seeking Final Development Plan approval for DeSales Flats III. According to Chapter 1429-13 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code, following approval of a PD District with a concept plan and development program statement, a final development plan must be submitted to the City Planning Commission (§ 1429-13). A final development plan must be filed for any portion of an approved concept plan that the applicant wishes to develop and this plan has to conform substantially to the approved concept plan and Development Program Statement.

The applicant seeks approval of both the Major Amendment and the Final Development Plan concurrently. Chapter 1429-16 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code states: the City Planning Commission may review and approve the Concept Plan, Development Program Statement and the Final Development Plan concurrently, provided that the applicant meets the submission requirements of both the Concept Plan and the Final Development Plan. The Planning Commission's approval of the Final Development Plan is contingent on the applicant obtaining City Council's approval of the Planned Development map amendment without changes

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

DeSales Flats III is a residential community that contains 116 units in four buildings with frontage south of Gilpin Avenue, west of Woodburn Avenue, and north of Lincoln Avenue in Evanston. Parking will be provided in a 148 space surface parking lot. The parking lot is located behind the buildings accessed by a single gated entry and exit on Gilpin Avenue. A maintenance building is proposed on the western side of the parking lot. A swimming pool and fire pit area are proposed at the southeast corner of the site.

#### **MAJOR AMENDMENT:**

The Cincinnati Zoning Code (§ 1429-12) allows for amendments to the Concept Plan as follows:

- (a) Minor Amendments. The Director of City Planning may approve minor amendments provided that they do not change building heights by more than ten percent, floor area by more than five percent, decrease parking spaces by more than ten percent or allow buildings or accessory uses closer to the perimeter property lines.
- (b) Major Amendments. Amendments to any Concept Plan other than a minor amendment must be approved by the City Planning Commission. Amendments that change the uses allowed or change the density of the development by more than ten percent require approval of the City Planning Commission and Council as a zoning map amendment.

One Major Amendment to the Concept Plan has been requested. The petitioner wishes to reclassify the vacant properties at 1521 and 1523 Gilpin Avenue currently zoned RMX Residential Mixed District and CC-M Commercial Community Mixed District as PD Planned Development. This would provide an additional 0.5235 acres of property. The plan is to construct an apartment building and expand parking lot on the additional property.

#### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONCEPT PLAN AND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The original concept plan for PD-72 known as Woodburn Village approved, March 11, 2015 and the Final Development Plan, approved July 15, 2006, are similar in design to the current DeSales Flats III application. The major difference being the additional land area, a fourth residential building fronting on Gilpin Avenue, reconfiguration of the parking lot, and a maintenance building.

	Concept Plan	Final Development Plan
Parking	119 surface parking spaces	148 surface parking spaces
Units	Total of 92 new units	Total of 116 new units
	80 One-bedroom units	56 one-bedroom units
	12 Two-bedroom units	48 one-bedroom units with den
		8 two-bedroom units
		4 two-bedroom units with den.
Site Acreage	Approximate 2.4 acre site	Approximate 3.05 acre site
Open Space	Open space accounts for 25% of the site	Open space accounts for 40% of the site

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The petitioner made presentations to the East Walnut Hills Assembly and Evanston Community Council in March of this year. A Public Staff Conference was held on February 23, 2017 where representatives from Towne Development Group, the project architect, and engineers reviewed the proposed project with City Planning Department Staff. There were two adjacent property owners present at the Staff Conference with questions concerning when the project would start, duration of the building construction and landscaping. Letters of support from the East Walnut Hills Assembly and Evanston Community Council are attached to this report.

#### **CODE REQUIREMENTS:**

#### Final Development Plan

Following approval of a PD District with a concept plan and development program statement, a final development plan must be submitted to the City Planning Commission (§ 1429-13). A final development plan must be filed for any portion of an approved concept plan that the applicant wishes to develop and this plan has to conform substantially to the approved concept plan and Development Program Statement. Consistent with the provisions of Section 1429-13, the following information was provided:

- a) Survey A survey has been submitted. See attached.
- b) Site Plan A site plan has been submitted. See attached.
- c) Engineering Plans Engineering plans have been submitted. See attached.
- d) **Open Space** The property will be occupied by four residential apartment buildings, associated parking, pool, and landscaping. The open space will be between buildings, the pool and fire pit area.
- e) Schematic Building Plans Schematic building plans have been submitted. See attached.
- f) Landscape Plans A landscape plan has been submitted. See attached.
- g) **Phase Schedule** Construction is currently underway for the first three apartment buildings approved as a Final Development Plan on July 15, 2016. Construction of the fourth apartment building will begin immediately following approval.
- h) Ownership The site is currently owned by Towne Development Group.
- i) The property consists of the following parcels of land: Hamilton County Auditor's Parcel Book 55, Page 2, Parcels 116, 17, 18, and 25.
- i) Statement of Uses The principal use will be four residential apartment buildings.
- k) Future Ownership and Control The future ownership and control of the property will be by the Towne Development Group.
- l) Restrictive Covenants There should be a covenant for the use of the parking lot, pool and fire pit areas pursuant to § 1429-15(d).

#### Planning Commission Approval of Final Development Plan

The City Planning Commission may approve a final development plan for a development in a PD District (§ 1429-15) on consideration of the following:

- (a) Consistency. The final development plan is consistent with the purpose of the Planned Development District Regulations; specifically:
  - It allows for a more efficient and economically feasible development of property.
  - It ensures an orderly and thorough planning and review, which has produced quality design and development.
  - It provides for more creative development through flexibility in the design.
  - It allowed for significant areas of the site to remain as maintained open space and common open space.
  - It provided for the development of multiple buildings. Development of these parcels individually under prior zoning likely would not have been possible.
- (b) Adequate Streets. The existing public streets are adequate to serve the proposed development and properly interconnect with the surrounding existing road network.

- (c) Adequate Infrastructure. The developer has worked with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, the Metropolitan Sewer District, and Duke Energy to ensure that the proposed infrastructure, utilities and all other proposed facilities are adequate to serve the planned development and properly interconnect with existing public facilities. The petitioner will continue to work with the necessary agencies.
- (d) Covenant. The Department of City Planning must require covenants by the owner of the property in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor to be recorded indicating that the open spaces, parking areas, walks and drives as shown on the plan may not be used for any other purpose. The owner must further covenant that all streets, common areas, common utilities and other common facilities remain in common ownership by all owners of any interest in the land or buildings in the Planned Development other than a leasehold interest of less than five years. The applicant has committed to provide a covenant in accordance with § 1429-15 in connection with submission of building permits.
- (e) Release of Covenants. The City Manager, on receipt of a recommendation from the Director of City Planning, may recommend the covenant be terminated in the following instances: the particular use requiring a covenant is no longer necessary and the building permits have been terminated, or the condition or conditions requiring such covenant are no longer applicable.
- (f) Compatibility. The proposed uses, location and arrangement of structures, lots, parking areas, walks, open spaces, landscaping, lighting and appurtenant facilities are compatible with the surrounding land uses. The building design is appropriately scaled for the property for the adjoining streets. The materials and color choices are compatible with other buildings near PD-72.
  - 1) What appears as a reddish-brown brick texture in the renderings will be a Modular Brick Veneer. Full depth (3-5/8") set in a running bond pattern. The color depicted in the renderings is a close representation of the actual brick that will be selected.
  - 2) What appears as a light beige color in the renderings (on the first floor), and at window/door headers and sills, will be a <u>Smooth Cast Stone</u> product. There will be accent bands of cast stone with texture, but the field of cast stone pieces will be smooth to resemble limestone in appearance and texture.
  - 3) What appears as the medium brown color and the off-white color (above the first floor) in the renderings will be <u>Fiber-Cement Panels</u> with ½" aluminum reveals at each vertical and horizontal joint. The panels will be painted in the field. The colors shown in the renderings are a close representation of the actual colors that will be selected.
  - 4) The glass will be clear or nearly clear, double-pane, and argon filled with a Low-E coating for maximum energy efficiency
  - 5) The windows frames will be bronze or dark bronze in color, as depicted in the renderings.
- (g) Sufficiency of Legal Documents. Proposed covenants, easements and other provisions meet development standards.

(h) Sufficiency of Provisions for Maintenance of Common Areas. Open space and common areas are identified and provisions have been made for the care and maintenance of such areas.

#### (i) Noise Levels

Table 1 Sunday through Wednesday			
Receiving or Affected Property in District	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 2 a.m.	2 a.m. to 7 a.m.
	Sunday through	Sunday through	Sunday through
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Noise Level	60 dB	55 dB	55 dB

Table 2 Thursday			
Receiving or Affected Property in District	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to Midnight	Midnight to 7 a.m.
	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Noise Level	60 dB	55 dB	55 dB

Table 3 Friday through Saturday			
Receiving or Affected Property in District	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 2 a.n	n. 2 a.m. to 7 a.m.
	Friday through	Friday through	Saturday through
	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday
Noise Level	65 dB	60 dB	60 dB

#### **ANALYSIS:**

DeSales Flats III is a proposed residential community located south of Gilpin Avenue, west of Woodburn Avenue, and north of Lincoln Avenue in Evanston. This planned Development would make 116 dwelling units available in the neighborhood and make productive use of an underutilized site. The proposed Major Amendment, an addition of 0.5235 acres creates the opportunity for an additional apartment building and increase in residential density from 92 dwelling units to 116 dwelling units. The reconfigured parking lot with a single entry and exit from Gilpin Avenue is more efficient than previous configurations. The petitioner has successfully met the requirements of the Planned Development District

#### **FINDINGS:**

It is the opinion of staff of the Department of City Planning that the Final Development Plan for PD-72 DeSales Flats III is in compliance with §1429-15 "Planning Commission Approval of Final Development Plan" as outlined on pages 3, 4, and 5 of this report. The proposal is relatively consistent with the purpose of the Planned Development District Regulations and the previously reviewed and approved concept plan as amended.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:**

In the Compete Initiative Area it is stated that we should focus development on the existing centers of activity by developing compact walkable mixed use districts and better connect them to residential areas (page 116). This project is near Towne Development Group's DeSales Flats Community located one block south and DeSales Plaza located two blocks south. One of the goals in the Live Initiative Area is to provide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability (page 148).

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff of the Department of City Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

**APPROVE** a change in zoning located at 3001 Woodburn Avenue, and 1521 and 1523 Gilpin Avenue in Evanston from RMX Residential Mixed District and CC-M Commercial Community Mixed District to expand the existing Planned Development #72 (PD-72) DeSales Flats III and;

**APPROVE** a Major Amendment to the original Concept Plan to increase the residential density from 92 dwelling units to 116 dwelling units with the addition of a fourth building fronting Gilpin Avenue, reconfigure the parking lot with 148 parking spaces, a maintenance building and;

**APPROVE** a Final Development Plan and noise level requirements cited above for DeSales Flats III within Planned Development #72 (PD-72) at 3001 Woodburn Avenue in Evanston and;

**ADOPT** the Department of City Planning Findings that Planned Development #72 (PD-72) DeSales Flats III is in compliance with §1429-15 as described on page 5 of this report and;

**REQUIRE** a covenant for the use of the parking lot, pool and fire pit areas by apartment residents pursuant to § 1429-15(d).

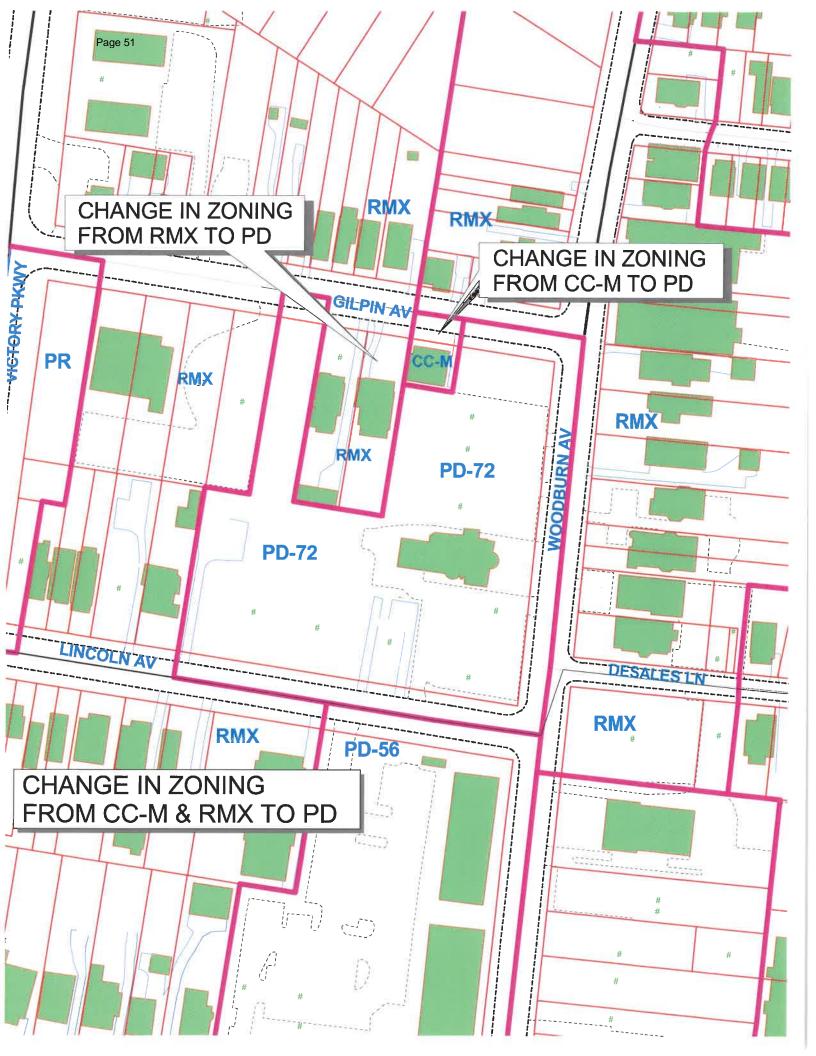
Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Stephen C. Briggs Senior City Planner Charles C. Graves III

Director, Department of City Planning

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## PETITION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO

To: The Honorable Council of the City of Cincinnati  Date:
I hereby request your Honorable Body to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cincinnati by
changing the area described in the attached legal documentation and depicted on the
attached plat from the (CA, SM), SD Zone District to the Zone District.
Location of Property (Street Address): 300 woods 2015 2000 50 RN
1530 LINCOLN, 1529 GILPIN
Area Contained in Property (Excluding Streets): 3.0500 AC, 132, 459 S.F.
Present Use of Property: VALANT GROUND
Proposed Use of Property & Reason for Change: NGW WASTRICTION OF 116 LEED
CERTIFIED APARTMENTS. 4D ZONING REDURED
Property Owner's Signature: DESALES HARTMENTS TILLUL
Name Typed:
Address: 1055 ST. PAVL 11. 2111 (H. Phone: \$13-381-849)
Agent Signature: Morly
Name Typed: Michael P. Dooley
Address: 1404 Race Street, Suite 204 Phone: 513-492-9851
Please Check if the Following Items are Attached
Application Fee Copies of Plat Copies of Metes and Bounds

January 22, 2017

Steve Briggs
Senior City Planner
Department of City Planning
Centennial Plaza Two
805 Central Avenue, Suite 720
City of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Delivered via email

RE: Concept and Final Development Plan

Steve:

I wish to formally request planning commission approval of the Concept and Final Development plan for our DeSALES flats II development.

The City and Planning Commission have previously approved PD 72 for the DeSALES flats II project. Since that approval, Towne Properties has been able to acquire three additional properties on Gilpin Avenue, the northern edge of the development. The additional properties allow the development to create an additional building on Gilpin that has 24 one bedroom apartments. The additional building has the same look, feel and materials as the other three buildings in the development. The addition of these extra parcels also allows the project to create a better neighborhood feel. This is accomplished by the new building shielding the parking lot and also reducing the number of curb cuts/driveways into the development.

Per the attached drawings and collateral material submitted, you will find information to finalize our zoning.

In summary, the 3.0425 acre development will create 116 new market rate rental multifamily housing units in the Evanston neighborhood of Cincinnati. The development will consist of four new constructed buildings that will occupy approximately 0.95 acres of the site. The remaining 2.0925 acres of open area will be used for landscaping, green space, 148 parking spaces, an outdoor pool and lounge and an outdoor fire-pit area.

The units, amenities and outdoor space will be built of high quality materials and serve as a Class 'A' development.

The unit mix will consist of 104 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom units. The buildings will be three-story, wood frame construction with flat roofs. The exterior facades of the buildings will be a mix of brick, stone and cement fiber board.

Gated vehicular entry and exits will be located on Gilpin Avenue. The perimeter of the site will be surrounded by the apartment buildings, decorative fencing and landscaping. There will be a main community entrance at the corner of Woodburn and Lincoln Avenues with individual building entries along Lincoln, Woodburn and Gilpin Avenues.



at The Monastery 1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, OH 45202

513 381 8696 tel 513 345 6975 fax info@towneproperties.com towneproperties.com **Steve Briggs** 

RE: Concept and Final Development Plan

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The project will be constructed in one phase and will be complete no more than one calendar year after the start of construction. We intend to begin construction in the winter of 2017.

Thank you so much for your attention to this mater. It has been a pleasure working with you on this development.

Sincerely, /

Chad Munitz

Vice President of Development

# CONCEPT PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT ZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST AND ZONING CHANGE REQUEST (AMEND PD ZONING TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARCELS) (RE-ZONE RMX AND CC-M ZONING TO PD) WOODBURN AVENUE, LINCOLN AVENUE AND GILPIN AVENUE

We are requesting an amendment to the current zoning of PD to include three additional parcels. The current PD zoning designation includes the following street addresses:

1520, 1524, 1526, 1530 Lincoln Avenue 1521, 1523, Gilpin Avenue 3001, 3003, 3005, 3011, 3015, 3019, 3023, 3025 Woodburn Avenue 2.5265 acres, 110,056 s.f.

We are requesting re-zoning of the three street addresses shown below to PD:

1525, 1527 Gilpin Avenue (currently zoned RMX) 1529 Gilpin Avenue (currently zoned CC-M) 0.5235 acres, 22,803 s.f.

The above three street addresses are vacant ground. The inclusion of these three street addresses into the PD zoning will yield a total of 3.05 acres, or 132,859 square feet.

With the expanded PD zoning, we intend to construct four new apartment buildings (and a maintenance garage) with approximately 116 LEED certified apartment units, with on-site parking and a swimming pool.

The four new apartment buildings and maintenance garage will be located along Woodburn Avenue, Lincoln, Avenue and Gilpin Avenue, as shown on the attached drawing. The buildings will be set a minimum of five feet off city sidewalks, with a minimum of 30' in between buildings, and a minimum of 20' next to adjacent parcels. Building heights will be a maximum of 40' from grade.

The unit mix will consist of 56 one-bedroom units (740 s.f. average), and 48 one-bedroom plus den units (825 s.f. average), 8 two-bedroom units (1,115 s.f. average), and 4 two-bedroom plus den units (1,215 s.f. average). The buildings will be three stories, wood frame construction, and flat roofs. The exterior facades of the buildings will be a mix of brick and siding. These units will be class A apartments, and will be considered a sister property to our DeSales Flats Apartment Community located one block south, and DeSales Plaza located two blocks south.

Gated vehicular entry and exit for the apartment site will be located on Gilpin Avenue. The perimeter of the site will be surrounded by the apartment buildings, including decorative fencing or landscaping to act as a buffer to adjacent properties. There will be a pedestrian entry at Building #1 (Lincoln Avenue) which will allow access to the community pool that will be shared with our sister properties to the south. All parking for the community will be on-site, surface parking. There will be 148 surface parking spots, which is 1.16 parking spaces per bedroom, or 1.27 parking spaces per unit.

DeSales Apartments III, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (a division of Towne Properties) owns all the properties above. Requests for availability of service from MSD and CWW have been made to confirm capacity.

The projected development will be constructed in one phase, and will be completed within one year after construction commencement. Construction will begin immediately.

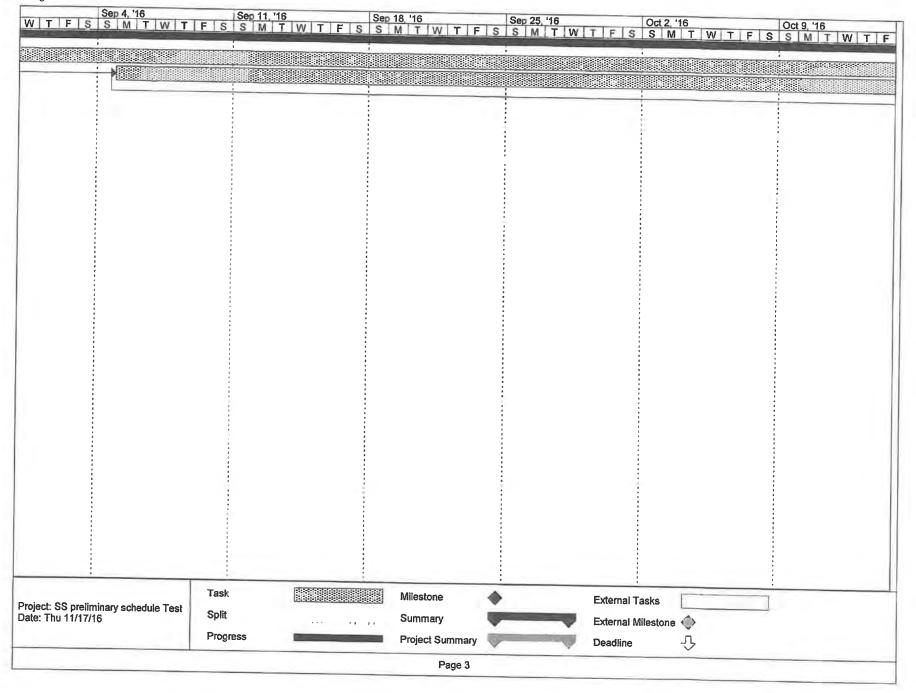
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5	Site Work		76 days	Mon 12/5/16	Mon 3/20/17	000.0	Littinii		
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7	Strip Topsoil Cut Fills Exp	ort 10416CY	16 days	Mon 12/12/16	Mon 1/2/17		TCS		
8	Fine Grade Building Pads		4 days	Tue 1/3/17	Fri 1/6/17		TCS		
9	Sanitary		6 days	Mon 1/9/17	Mon 1/16/17		TCS		
10	Storm Incls 2 Storm Tech	s	20 days	Tue 1/17/17	Mon 2/13/17		TCS		
11	WaterLine (Incls Vault Fire	e& Domestic	16 days	Tue 2/14/17	Tue 3/7/17	_	TCS	1	
12	Excavate B/Fill Concrete	Ret/ Walls	8 days	Wed 3/8/17	Fri 3/17/17		TCS		
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14	Building 1 ( 20 IBR & A	menties)	187 days	Mon 1/9/17	Tue 9/26/17		TCS		
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17	Rough Frame		35 days	Mon 2/20/17	Fri 4/7/17				
18	MEP Rogh & Inspections		27 days	Mon 4/10/17	Tue 5/16/17				
19	Insulate & Inspections		7 days	Wed 5/17/17	Thu 5/25/17				•
20	Exterior Finish		45 days	Wed 5/31/17	Tue 8/1/17				
21	Pool		20 days	Wed 6/28/17	Tue 7/25/17				
22	Drywall Hang & Finish		40 days	Fri 5/26/17	Thu 7/20/17				
23	GypCrete		3 days	Fri 7/21/17	Tue 7/25/17				
24	Unit Finish		45 days	Wed 7/26/17	Tue 9/26/17				
25	Office Leasing Space		45 days	Wed 7/26/17	Tue 9/26/17				
26	Fitness		45 days	Wed 7/26/17	Tue 9/26/17	24SS		1	
27	Club Room		45 days	Wed 7/26/17	Tue 9/26/17		TURNOVER BLDG 1		
28	Building 2 (36 1 BR)		173 days	Mon 2/6/17	Wed 10/4/17				
29	Foundation		20 days	Mon 2/6/17	Fri 3/3/17	15	TCS		
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61	Dumpster Pad Fencing		5 days	Thu 12/21/17	Wed 12/20/17		TCS	
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#### **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC STAFF CONFERENCE**

On Thursday February 23, 2017 at 4:00 PM, the staff of the Department of City Planning will hold a public staff conference in the Seventh Floor Martin Griesel Conference Room, Two Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 on a proposed change in zoning and Final Development Plan for an expansion of Planned Development No. 72 DeSales III Apartments. The purpose of this conference is to gather information on how the proposed change and Final Development Plan will affect the general welfare of the community.

Location of Proposed Change in Zoning: 1525, 1527 & 1529 Gilpin Avenue

Proposed Change in Zoning: From RMX & CC-M to PD Planned Development

**Explanation of Zone Districts:** 

RMX Residential Mixed District (existing): This sub district is intended to create, maintain and enhance areas of the City that have a mix of lot sizes and house types at moderate intensities (one to three dwelling units). Existing multi-family buildings of four or more units are acknowledged but new construction is not permitted.

CC-M Commercial Community Mixed District (existing): To identify, create, maintain and enhance areas suitable for a wide variety of commercial and institutional uses along major transportation corridors and in shopping districts or centers. The mixed designation is intended to provide for a mix of the pedestrian and auto-oriented development.

PD Planned Development District (proposed): The specific purposes of the PD Planned Development District are to:

- (a) Establish a procedure for the development of land in order to allow for a more efficient and economic development of property than ordinarily permitted by conventional zoning and subdivision regulations.
- (b) Ensure orderly and thorough planning and review procedures that lead to quality design and development.
- (c) Encourage creativity in developments by allowing greater flexibility in access, light, open space and amenities.
- (d) Encourage common open space and provide for its maintenance.
- (e) Encourage the coordinated development of properties that might otherwise be developed individually, which may be a detriment to the surrounding neighborhoods and the developer.

Owner:

Towne Development Group 1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (Contract to Purchase) Petitioner:

Chad Munitz 1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Reason for the Proposed Change in Zoning: The three properties mentioned above consisting of .5235 acres will be added to the previously approved Planned Development No.72. A fourth apartment building and maintenance garage will be added to the Planned Development. In total there will be 116 apartment units in four buildings in the block bounded by Gilpin Avenue, Woodburn Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue on a site consisting of 3.05 acres.

All comments should be directed to:

Steve Briggs Senior City Planner

Department of City Planning Two Centennial Plaza

805 Central Avenue, Suite 700

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Phone: 513-352-4840 or

Email: steve.briggs@cincinnati-oh.gov



#### NOTICE

On <u>Friday April 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM</u> the Cincinnati City Planning Commission will consider a change in zoning for property located at 3001 Woodburn Avenue, and 1521 and 1523 Gilpin Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood from existing RMX Residential Mixed District and CC-M Commercial Community Mixed District to expand the existing Planned Development #72 (PD-72), by modifying the original Concept Plan with a Major Amendment to increase residential density with a new building and reconfigure the parking lot. A Final Development Plan has been submitted for the proposed changes.

This public meeting will be held at:

Two Centennial Plaza J. Martin Griesel Room 805 Central Avenue, Seventh Floor Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Owner:

Towne Development Group

1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 **Petitioner:** 

Chad Munitz 1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Reason for the Proposed Changes: To increase the size of Planned Development #72 (PD-72) from 2.4 acres to 3.05 acres and increase the residential density from 96 dwelling units to 116 dwelling units with the addition of a fourth building fronting Gilpin Avenue and reconfigure the parking lot with 148 parking spaces. A Final Development Plan has been submitted for the proposed changes.

All comments should directed to:

Steve Briggs .

Senior City Planner

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## Staff Conference Attendance: 3001 Woodburn Avenue PD #72 Zone Change for Expansion and Final Development Plan Thursday February 23, 2017 at 4:00 pm



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March 1, 2017

Mr. Steve Briggs Senior City Planner Department of City Planning City of Cincinnati Centennial Plaza Two 805 Central Avenue Suite 720 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Briggs:

As you recall, The Evanston Community Council supported the existing Planned Development zoning for Towne Properties' DeSALES flats II project.

Town properties' expanded plan for development of the DeSALES flats II project on Woodburn Avenue, between Lincoln and Gilpin Avenues, is a welcome improvement and enhancement of their previous development plans. The addition of a fourth apartment building along Gilpin Avenue will add needed and appropriate street presence along Gilpin. The additional building will also enable the internal parking lot to be better screened from the street. Plus, the neighborhood is excited about an additional 24 units of market rate rental apartments.

The DeSALES flats II project aligns closely with our efforts to revitalize Evanston's residential and commercial districts. The development will enhance the revitalization that is presently going on in our great neighborhood. I feel confident that Towne Properties' development will be an asset to our community.

I fully support Town Properties application to rezone the additional lots along Gilpin Avenue to be included in the existent Planned Development of 92 market rate rental apartment units.

Respectfully submitted,

Anzora Adkins President

**Evanston Community Council** 

"Evanston Community Council is dedicated to the well-being of all residents and to the development of the community through education, business and spirituality."

#### THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY, INC.

P.O. Box 68050 Cincinnati, Ohio 5206

March 23, 2017

Mr. Steve Briggs
Senior City Planner, Department of City Planning
City of Cincinnati
Centennial Plaza Two
805 Central Ave, Suite 720
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#### VIA EMAIL to steve.briggs@cincinnati-oh.gov

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Chad Munitz, representing Towne Properties, came before the members of East Walnut Hills Assembly (EWHA) at the monthly meeting of the Assembly on March 8, 2017. He provided plans and explained that Towne Property wanted to revise and expand the company's development on Woodburn Avenue, known as De Sales Flats II, to include the three properties on Gilpin Avenue that Towne Properties purchased in 2016 (Gilpin Properties). Previously, the City of Cincinnati had granted Towne Properties a planned development district (PD) for the development of De Sales Flats II that did not include the Gilpin Properties.

Mr. Munitz presented plans that showed that the new structure to be built on the Gilpin Properties would be of the same design, finish and materials as both of those in the original PD and also as shown in the visuals he presented at the Assembly meeting on March 8. He also represented that ingress and egress to the development would be reduced to one curb cut on Gilpin instead of the two in the original PD.

He further stated that he had met with Ben Davis, an abutting neighbor, and that Towne Properties had agreed to the following:

- (1) Towne Properties will give Mr. Davis an extra 18 inches to the east of his property line (the western edge of the De Sales Flats II development) so Mr. Davis may expand his driveway; and
- (2) Towne Properties will install a decorative privacy fence along this same property line instead of the decorative see through fence to be placed around the rest of the De Sales Flats II development and the new privacy fence will sit approximately 12 inches to the east of the new property line.

Finally, Mr. Munitz informed the Assembly members that he did not have a definitive answer as to whether the City planned to ask Towne Properties to apply for a new PD to include the three Gilpin Properties or to ask that Towne revise the original approved PD.

#### THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY, INC.

The EWHA members voted on March 8, 2017 to:

- (1) Approve the plans as presented by Mr. Munitz on March 8, 2017 so long as the agreement with Mr. Davis was executed and acted on; and
- (2) Approve either a revised PD or a new PD as required by the City to ensure that the Gilpin properties will be included in the revised and expanded De Sales Flats II development.

The East Walnut Hills Assembly, Inc.

Bv:

H. Drewry Gores, President

cc: Chad Munitz

# CONCEPT PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT ZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST AND ZONING CHANGE REQUEST (AMEND PD ZONING TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARCELS) (RE-ZONE RMX AND CC-M ZONING TO PD) WOODBURN AVENUE, LINCOLN AVENUE AND GILPIN AVENUE

We are requesting an amendment to the current zoning of PD to include three additional parcels. The current PD zoning designation includes the following street addresses:

1520, 1524, 1526, 1530 Lincoln Avenue 1521, 1523, Gilpin Avenue 3001, 3003, 3005, 3011, 3015, 3019, 3023, 3025 Woodburn Avenue 2.5265 acres, 110,056 s.f.

We are requesting re-zoning of the three street addresses shown below to PD:

1525, 1527 Gilpin Avenue (currently zoned RMX) 1529 Gilpin Avenue (currently zoned CC-M) 0.5235 acres, 22,803 s.f.

The above three street addresses are vacant ground. The inclusion of these three street addresses into the PD zoning will yield a total of 3.05 acres, or 132,859 square feet.

With the expanded PD zoning, we intend to construct four new apartment buildings (and a maintenance garage) with approximately 116 LEED certified apartment units, with on-site parking and a swimming pool.

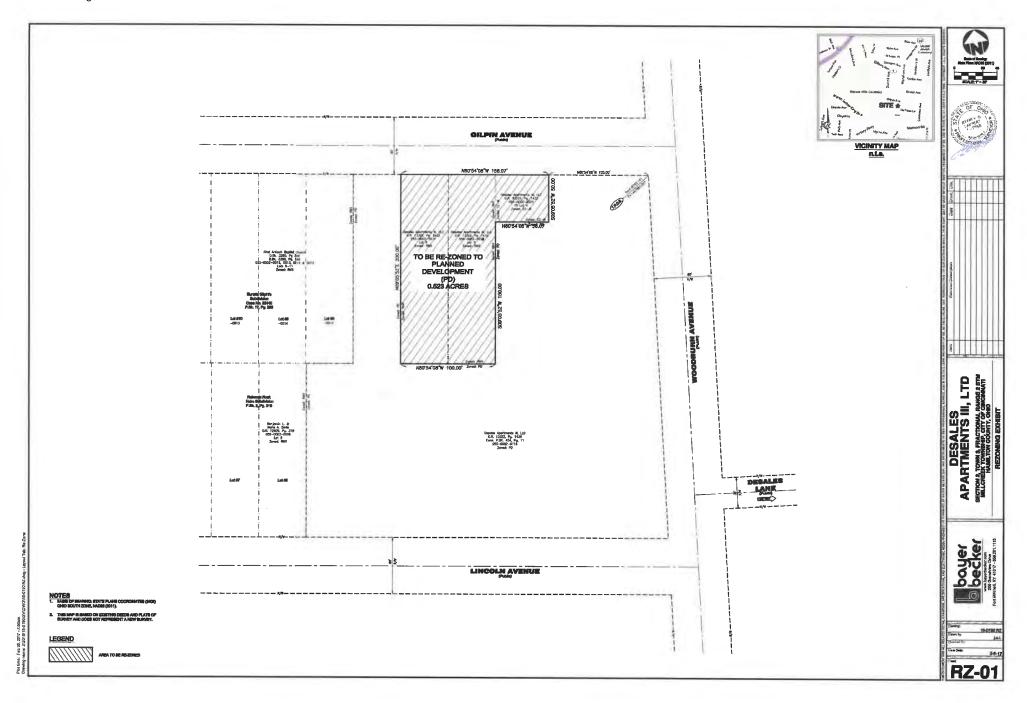
The four new apartment buildings and maintenance garage will be located along Woodburn Avenue, Lincoln, Avenue and Gilpin Avenue, as shown on the attached drawing. The buildings will be set a minimum of five feet off city sidewalks, with a minimum of 30' in between buildings, and a minimum of 20' next to adjacent parcels. Building heights will be a maximum of 40' from grade.

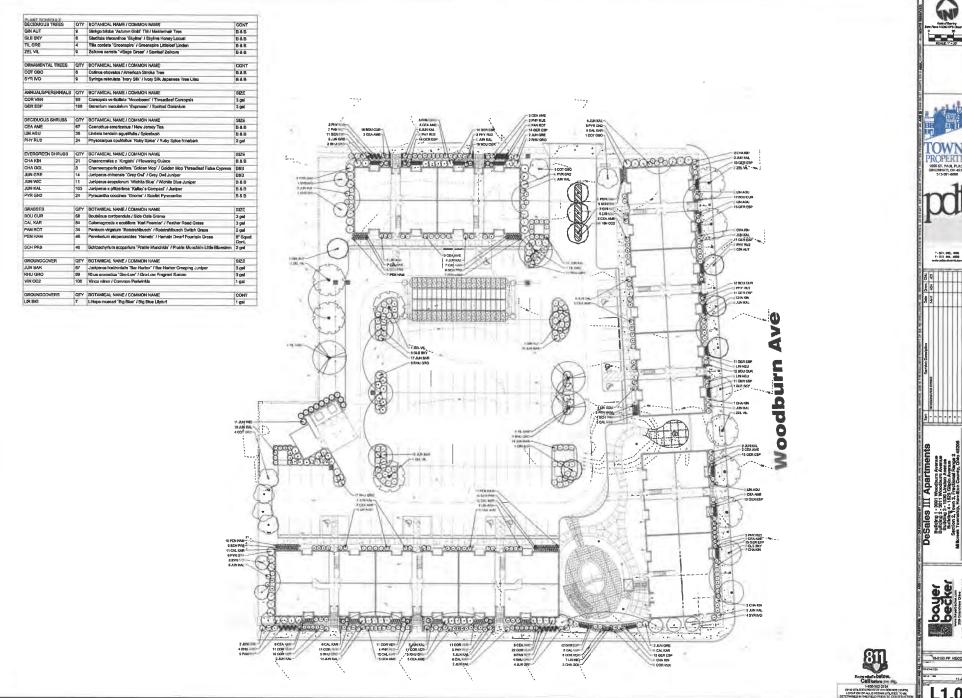
The unit mix will consist of 56 one-bedroom units (740 s.f. average), and 48 one-bedroom plus den units (825 s.f. average), 8 two-bedroom units (1,115 s.f. average), and 4 two-bedroom plus den units (1,215 s.f. average). The buildings will be three stories, wood frame construction, and flat roofs. The exterior facades of the buildings will be a mix of brick and siding. These units will be class A apartments, and will be considered a sister property to our DeSales Flats Apartment Community located one block south, and DeSales Plaza located two blocks south.

Gated vehicular entry and exit for the apartment site will be located on Gilpin Avenue. The perimeter of the site will be surrounded by the apartment buildings, including decorative fencing or landscaping to act as a buffer to adjacent properties. There will be a pedestrian entry at Building #1 (Lincoln Avenue) which will allow access to the community pool that will be shared with our sister properties to the south. All parking for the community will be on-site, surface parking. There will be 148 surface parking spots, which is 1.16 parking spaces per bedroom, or 1.27 parking spaces per unit.

DeSales Apartments III, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (a division of Towne Properties) owns all the properties above. Requests for availability of service from MSD and CWW have been made to confirm capacity.

The projected development will be constructed in one phase, and will be completed within one year after construction commencement. Construction will begin immediately.









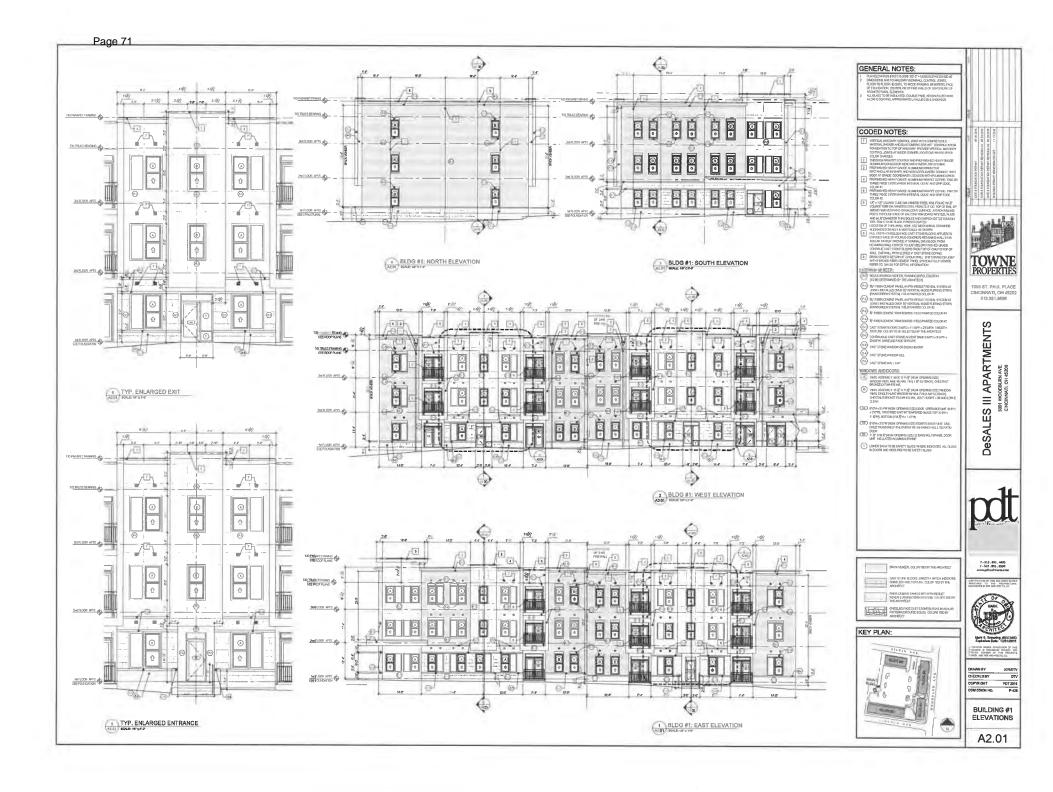


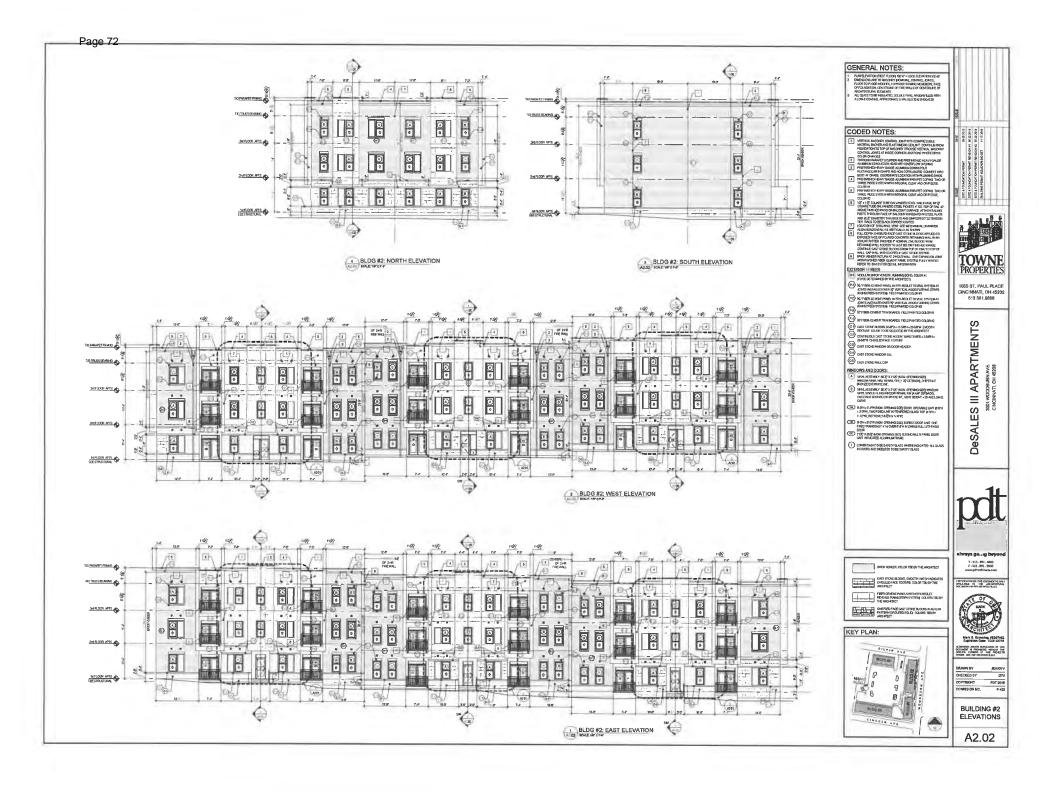


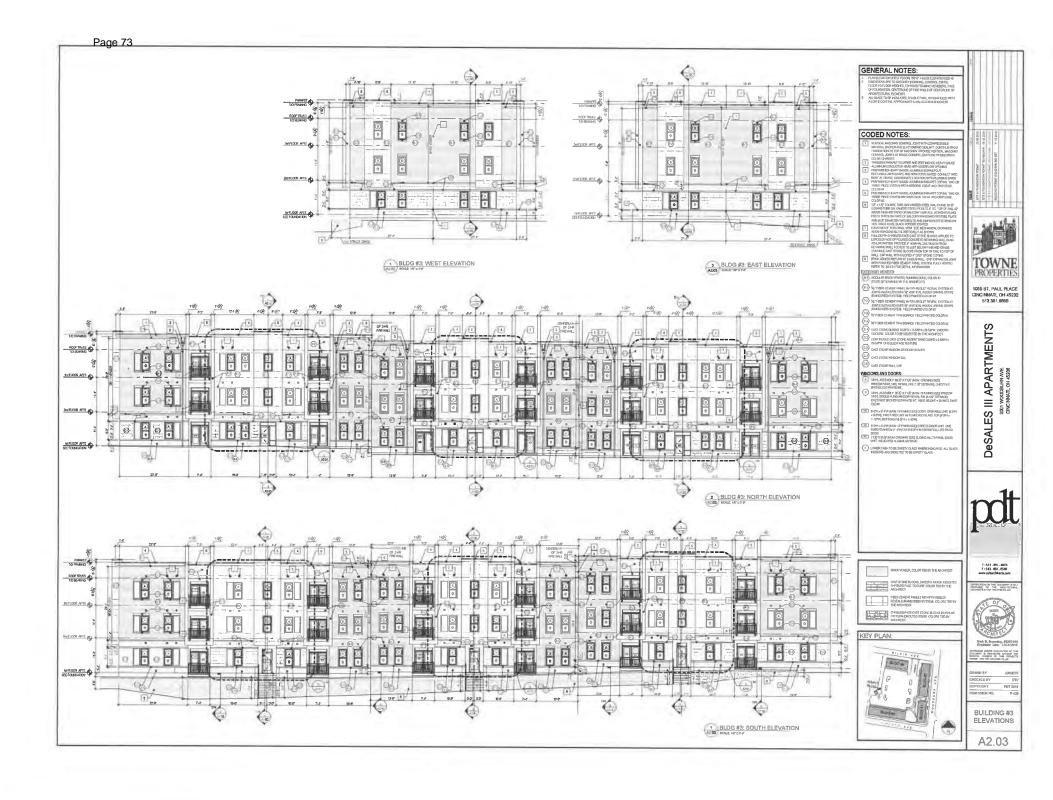


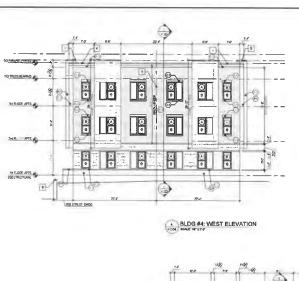


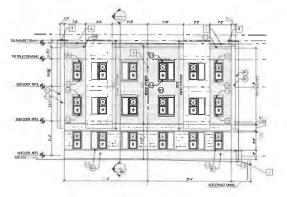
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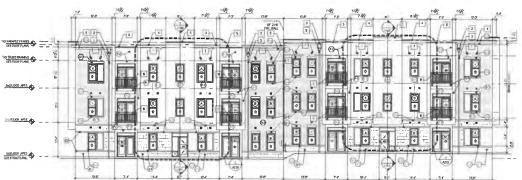




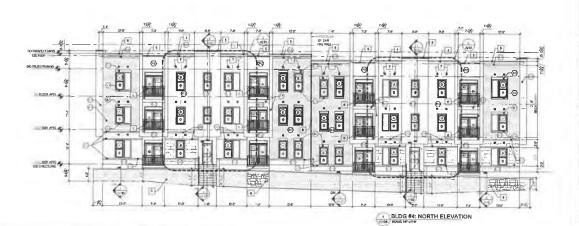




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DeSALES III APARTMENTS

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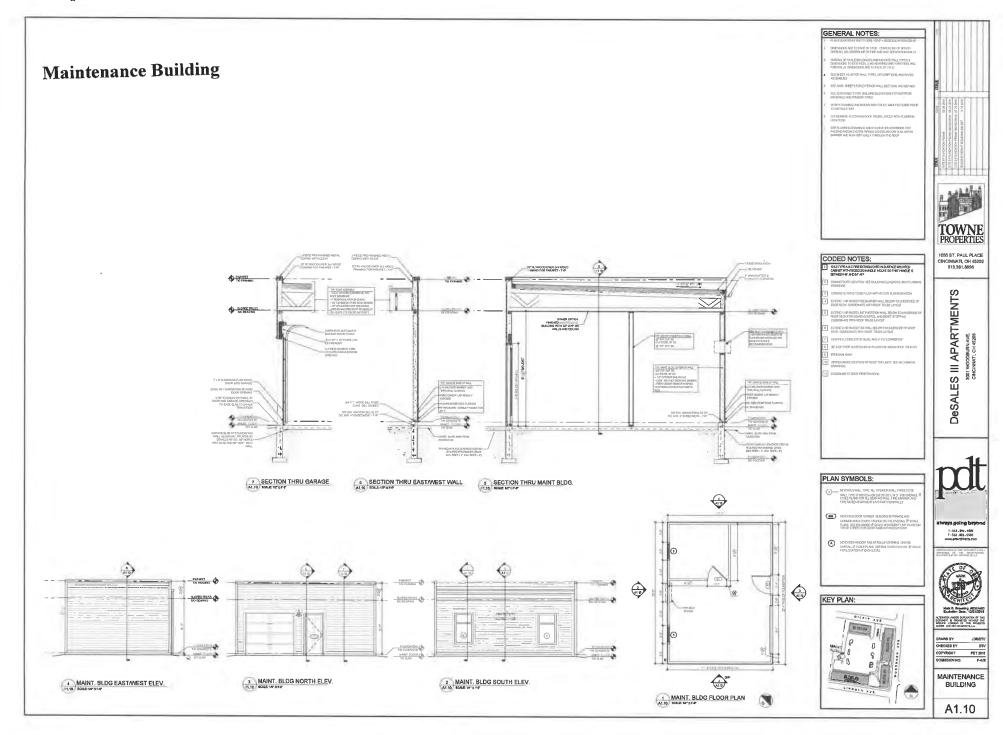


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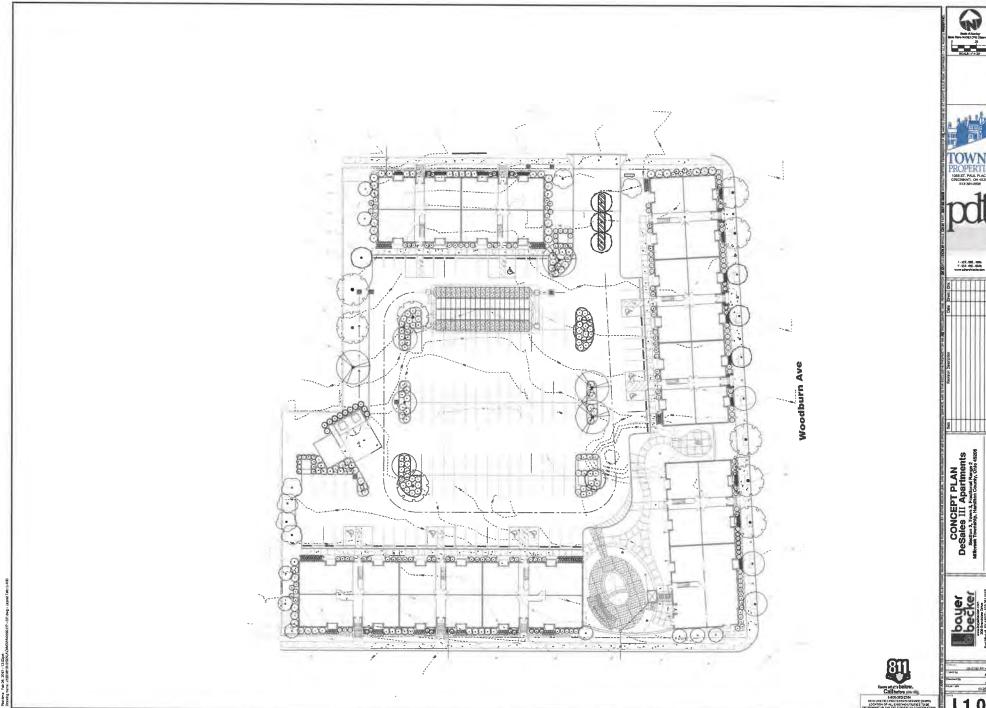




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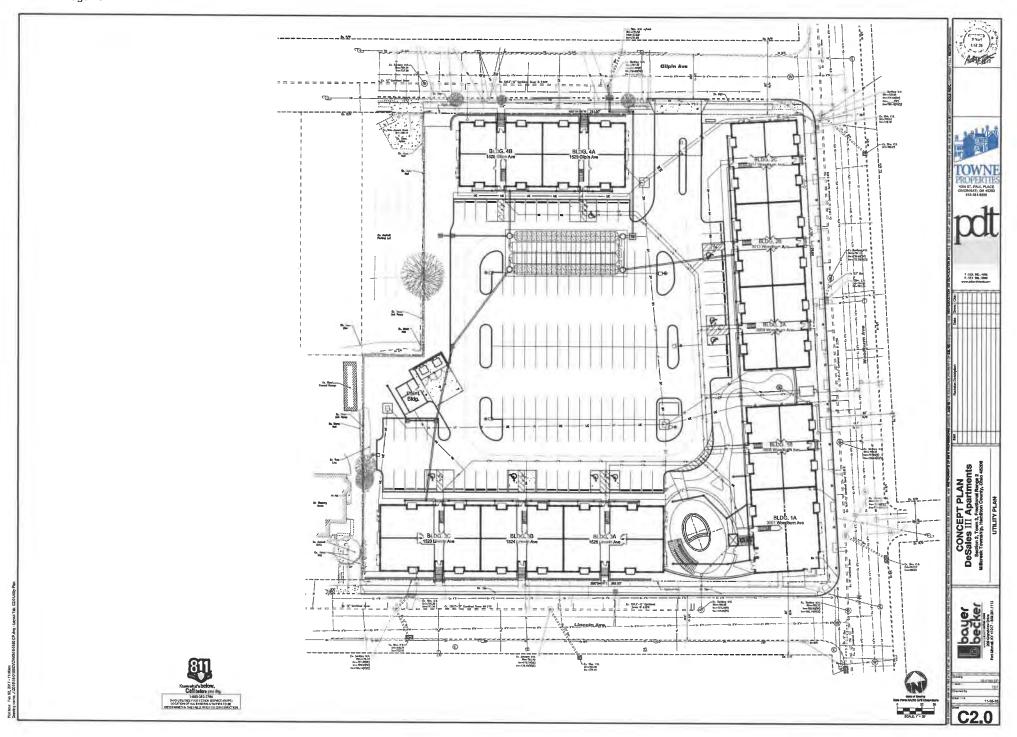


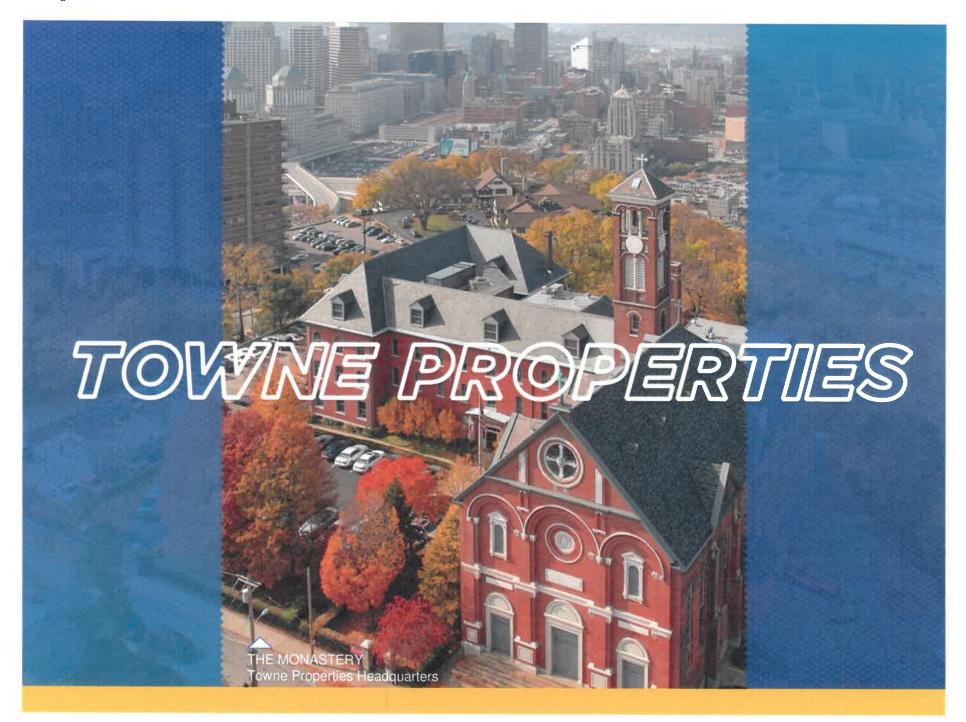








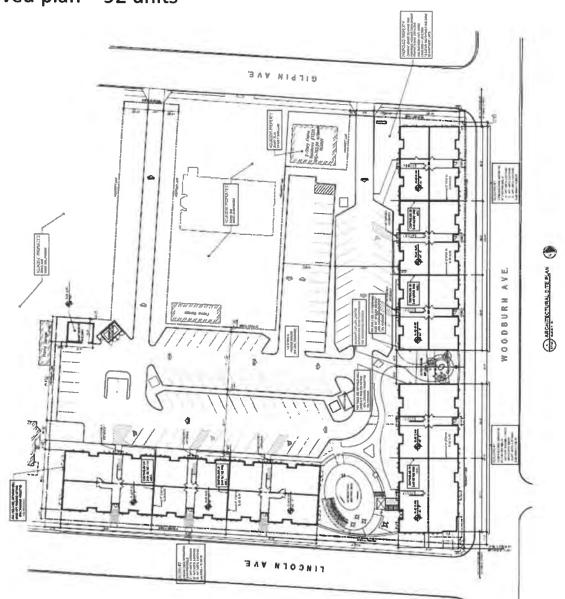




## DeSALES flats III

- \$17.3 million project
- 116 market rate rental apartments
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  - ✓ 4 two bedroom plus den units (1,215 square foot average)
- 148 surface parking spaces
  - ✓ Bike parking
  - ✓ Electric car charging station
  - ✓ Car Ports
- Leasing Office, Community Room, Fitness Center, Pool
- LEED Gold construction

DeSALES flats II Previously approved plan – 92 units



## DeSALES flats III Updated plan – 116 units



DeSALES flats II
Updated plan – 116 units
Woodburn and Lincoln Corner looking northwest



DeSALES flats III
Updated plan – 116 units
Woodburn looking north



DeSALES flats III
Updated plan – 116 units
Woodburn looking south



DeSALES flats III
Updated plan – 116 units
Internal site – looking south east



DeSALES flats II
Updated plan – 116 units
Lincoln looking northwest (Gilpin Building will look similar)



